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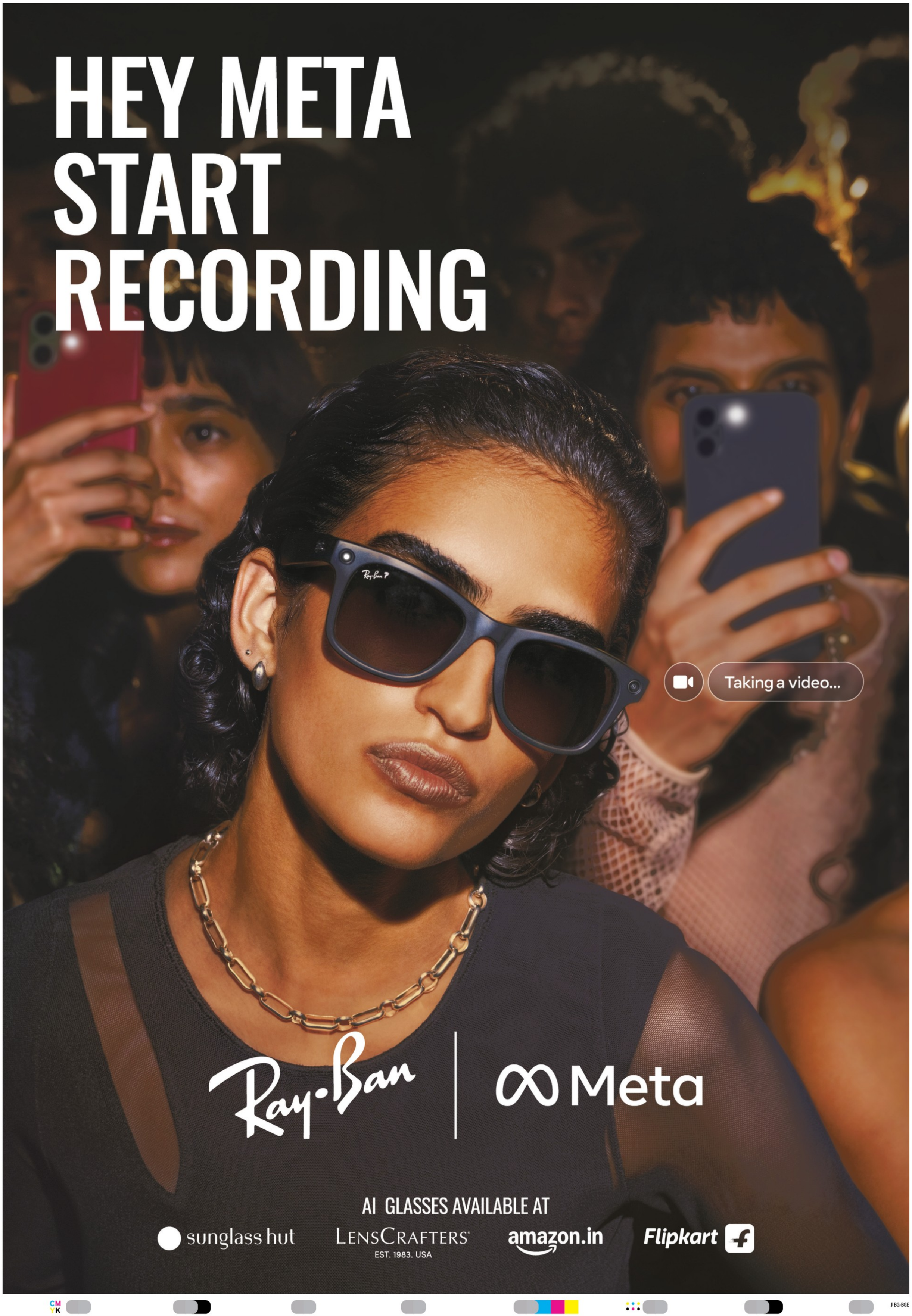

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BENGALURU
The CBI has alleged that former ST Welfare Minister B. Nagendra was "at the centre of a meticulously planned conspiracy" to siphon funds from the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Limited, with investigators naming him as an accused in all three chargesheets filed on Tuesday in connection with separate corruption and fund diversion cases. » PAGE 7

Zameer meeting with D.K. Suresh raises eyebrows

BENGALURU
Amid speculation over a political fallout for former Minister B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan following a viral audio clip, a meeting between him and former MP D.K. Suresh here on Tuesday raised eyebrows. » PAGE 6

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CBSE officials transferred, panel to probe OSM tender

Centre replaces CBSE Chairman, Secretary, appoints one-person body to investigate procurement of services for OSM portal; transfers 'cover up' to spare political leadership, say Opposition leaders

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

With the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) facing flak for its controversial new on-screen marking (OSM) system, the Centre on Tuesday replaced the Board's Chairman and Secretary.

It also set up a one-member committee to inquire into the Board's procurement of services for the marking process. The committee, chaired by S. Radha Chauhan, chairperson of the Capacity Building Commission, has been asked to submit its report within a month. As per the Cabinet Appointments Committee, senior IAS officer Lokhande Prashant Sitaram will be the new CBSE Chairperson, replacing Rahul Singh, who has been moved to the Agriculture Ministry. Varun Bhardwaj, a Director in the Education Ministry, will take over as CBSE Secretary, replacing Himanshu Gupta, who has been prematurely repatriated to his parent cadre in the Home Ministry.

Calling the transfers "a cover up", the Congress said the move was an attempt to fix accountability on bureaucrats rather than the political leadership, and reiterated its demand that Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan resign or be sacked.

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Youth Congress members protest seeking the resignation of Union Education Minister Pradhan in Mumbai on Tuesday. EMMANUAL YOGINI

Re-evaluation portal open; glitches reported

NEW DELHI
After the CBSE opened it's portal for submitting re-evaluation requests on Tuesday following a delay of a day, multiple Class 12 students reported technical errors and discrepancies. » PAGE 11

Teen briefs House panel on issues in CBSE OSM tender

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Sarthak Sidhant, a 17-year-old student, presented his findings on alleged anomalies in the OSM tender process before a Parliamentary Standing Committee. » PAGE 11

Stage set for Shivakumar to take over as CM today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The stage is set for eight-time legislator and Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president D.K. Shivakumar to be sworn in as the 34th Chief Minister of Karnataka on Wednesday evening at Lok Bhavan, which completes the leadership transition from outgoing Chief Minister Siddaramaiah that started last week.

The list of Cabinet ministers - speculated to be between 10 and 15 - to be sworn in along with Mr. Shivakumar is expected to be released by the Congress central leadership on Wednesday.

Speculation about the induction of new faces to the Cabinet along with those who had served under Mr. Siddaramaiah is also doing the rounds.

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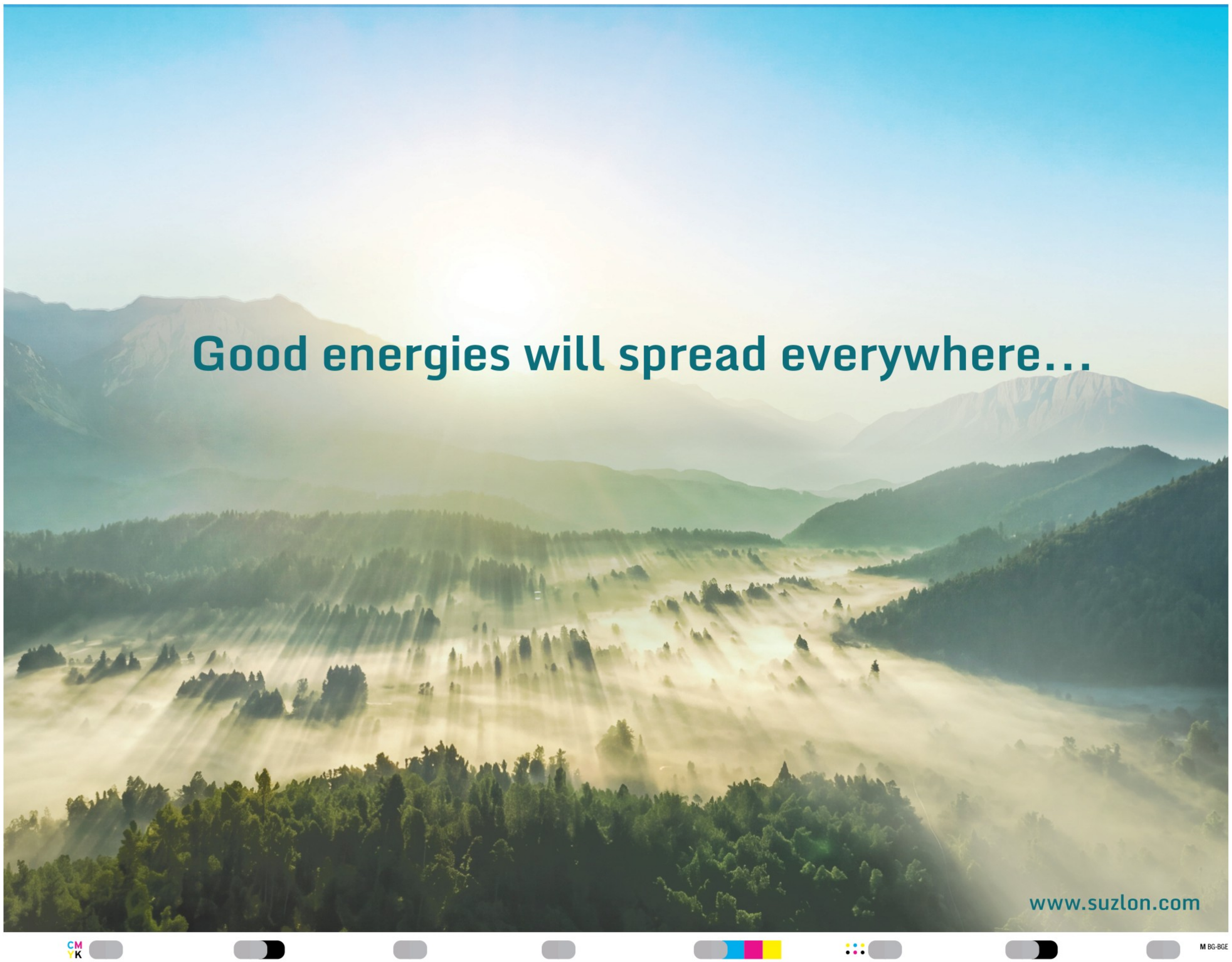
Banners installed on Lok Bhavan Road on the eve of the swearing-in ceremony of Chief Minister-designate D.K. Shivakumar, in Bengaluru on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Siddaramaiah made CWC member

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The outgoing Chief Minister Siddaramaiah was on Tuesday appointed as a member of the Congress Working Committee (CWC), the highest decision-making body in the party.

The party seems to have accommodated the veteran OBC leader after he paved the way for a smooth transition of power in Karnataka to D.K. Shivakumar.



SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

I know I am not far away from the top

After quietly climbing to World No. 40, Chotrani has his eyes fixed on the Asian Games singles gold; the 24-year-old, who is the second highest-ranked men's player in the country, feels he can improve further by working on the mental and physical aspects of his game

INTERVIEW

Veer Chotrani

K. Keerthivasan

After taking up squash full-time following his graduation from Cornell University in the USA two years ago, Veer Chotrani has emerged as one of the players to watch out for on the PSA Tour.

The 24-year-old from Mumbai has quietly climbed the PSA rankings ladder to a career-high World No. 40, registering notable wins over top players. Chotrani has now set his sights on winning the Asian Games gold medal in singles, which offers direct qualification for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

"If I win the Asian Games singles gold, I will clinch an Olympics berth. Nobody knows who will play in the individual events (at the Asian Games) because you have the mixed doubles event as well. But if I get a chance to play singles, it will be a pretty good opportunity," Chotrani told *The Hindu*.

He also spoke about competing full-time on the PSA Tour, the challenges a professional player faces, and his desire to perform better in Platinum events in the new season.

You are ranked 40th in the world. Are you satisfied with your season?

Yes, it was good. I've seen progress in every department of my game. I had some good wins. There were also a few matches where I didn't get the result, but I feel that my performances against some of the top players were really good. Overall, it was a positive season.

You registered some impressive wins over Abhay Singh and other higher-ranked players this season. Which performances would you consider the highlights?

I beat France's Baptiste Masotti, who was in the top 20, at the Squash on Fire Open in Washington. That was probably my biggest win... my first victory over a top-20 player. I beat Abhay twice (in the Indian Tour in Mumbai and the World championships in Giza) out of the three times we played each other. I played one of my best matches when I pushed top-10 player Joel Makin (Wales) to five games at the New Zealand Open in Christchurch. Reaching the quarterfinals of the Hamburg Open was great.

These kinds of performances have given me a lot of confidence and motivation to keep pushing. I know that I have the potential to get up there very soon. It's just a matter of time before I put together a consistent run of good results. Hopefully, that happens next season.

Which are the areas you think you need to work on?

My game has definitely improved, but I still think there is plenty of work to do, especially on the mental and physical aspects. That is what really separates players like me from the top guys. At this level, almost every player has the squash ability to compete at a very high standard. But who is willing to push themselves physically and mentally to the absolute limit to get over the line? That is what separates the top-10 players from those ranked in the 30s and 40s.

That is something I'm working on. The more exposure I got against the top-10 and top-20 players this season, the more I learnt. It gave me a much better understanding of what it takes to compete at the highest level, something I didn't fully have before this season. Being able to step on court with someone like Makin, who is among the top players in the world and one of the fittest on the Tour, and being able to stay with him and compete was a huge positive for me. In today's game, the physical and mental sides are everything, so those are areas I really want to focus on.

Do you take advice from your father Manish Chotrani, who is a former National champion?

We only talk squash; we love the sport way too much. It's our common language. He only wants me to get better every time I'm training or playing a tournament. All the time we're just discussing what the next step should be. It's good to have someone at home who keeps a check on me. He is someone who understands me very well. It's very good to have that kind of sporting, squash mind... someone who can analyse my game very well. He talks to my coach David Palmer and gets feedback from him. Whenever I'm in Mumbai, I'm with my dad on the court. He's the one who hits with me all the time.

All eight of your PSA titles have come at the Challenger class. Do you think you need to win Copper, Bronze and bigger World Tour events to improve your ranking further, especially with the Asian Games coming up in September-October?

Yes, all of them have been at the Challenger level, but I also made two finals (St. James Expression Open in Springfield, the USA, and the Indian Open, Mumbai) at the World Tour level this season. Obviously, the goal is to start winning World Tour titles, beginning with Copper events. I don't think that I'm too far away from that level.

There is intense competition for places in the Indian team for the Asian Games. You are the second highest-ranked men's player behind Abhay. With the rankings getting updated every week, how difficult is it to maintain your position on the tour?

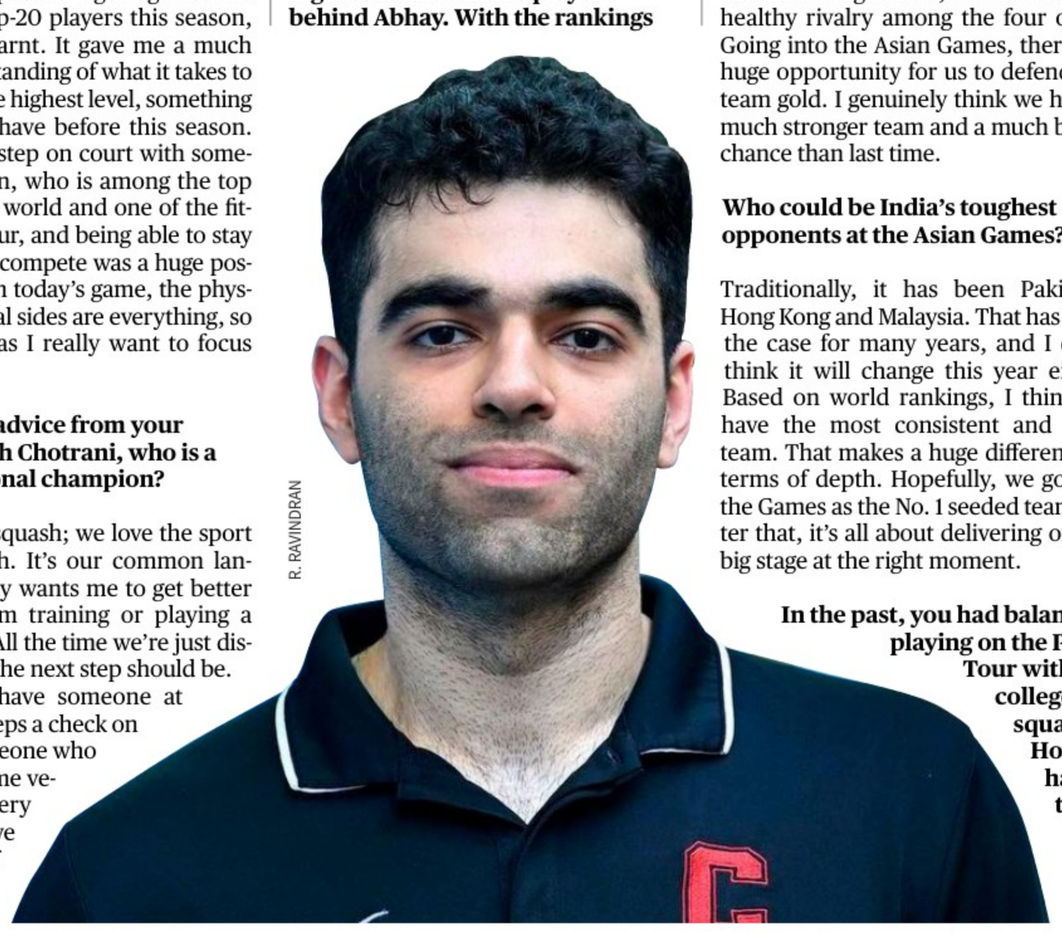
Honestly, I'm not really thinking about the rankings. I just want to focus on my preparation and game. Ramit Tandon (47) and Velavan Senthilkumar (53) and I are extremely close in the standings, while Abhay (24) is ahead of us. But I believe that on any given day, all four of us are capable of beating each other. So, I'm not really thinking too much about all of that.

India now has four men in the world's top 60...

To be honest, even before COVID-19, we had a few players in the top 50. Saurav Ghosal was obviously far ahead of everyone at that point. We also had players like Ramit in the top 50. Harinderpal Singh Sandhu, Vikram Malhotra and Mahesh Mangaonkar... all of whom broke into the top 50 at different points of their careers. Maybe it wasn't as consistent then, but Indian squash has definitely had players capable of reaching that level. Right now, we have a very healthy rivalry among the four of us. Going into the Asian Games, there is a huge opportunity for us to defend our team gold. I genuinely think we have a much stronger team and a much better chance than last time.

Who could be India's toughest opponents at the Asian Games?

Traditionally, it has been Pakistan, Hong Kong and Malaysia. That has been the case for many years, and I don't think it will change this year either. Based on world rankings, I think we have the most consistent and solid team. That makes a huge difference in terms of depth. Hopefully, we go into the Games as the No. 1 seeded team. After that, it's all about delivering on the big stage at the right moment.



R. RAVINDRAN

In the past, you had balanced playing on the PSA Tour with college squash. How has the transition to professional squash been?

It's been great. I've been playing full-time since September 2024. I've been competing regularly and performing well on the PSA Tour, which is the reason for my rise in the rankings. I don't think there was much pressure on me when I started playing full-time. I planned my schedule well so that I had enough flexibility to train and recover. Physically, it wasn't too taxing, but mentally, it was tougher because of all the travelling – constantly moving from one country to another, flights, hotels and adapting to different conditions.

But honestly, I had zero pressure because I felt I had nothing to lose. It was my first full season, and my only goal was to play good squash and climb as high as possible in the rankings, especially since I hadn't played many PSA events before. I also wanted to enjoy the experience – travelling to different countries, competing at different venues, in different atmospheres and in front of different crowds. It was a lovely experience, and the exposure I gained in my first season is something I'll always cherish.

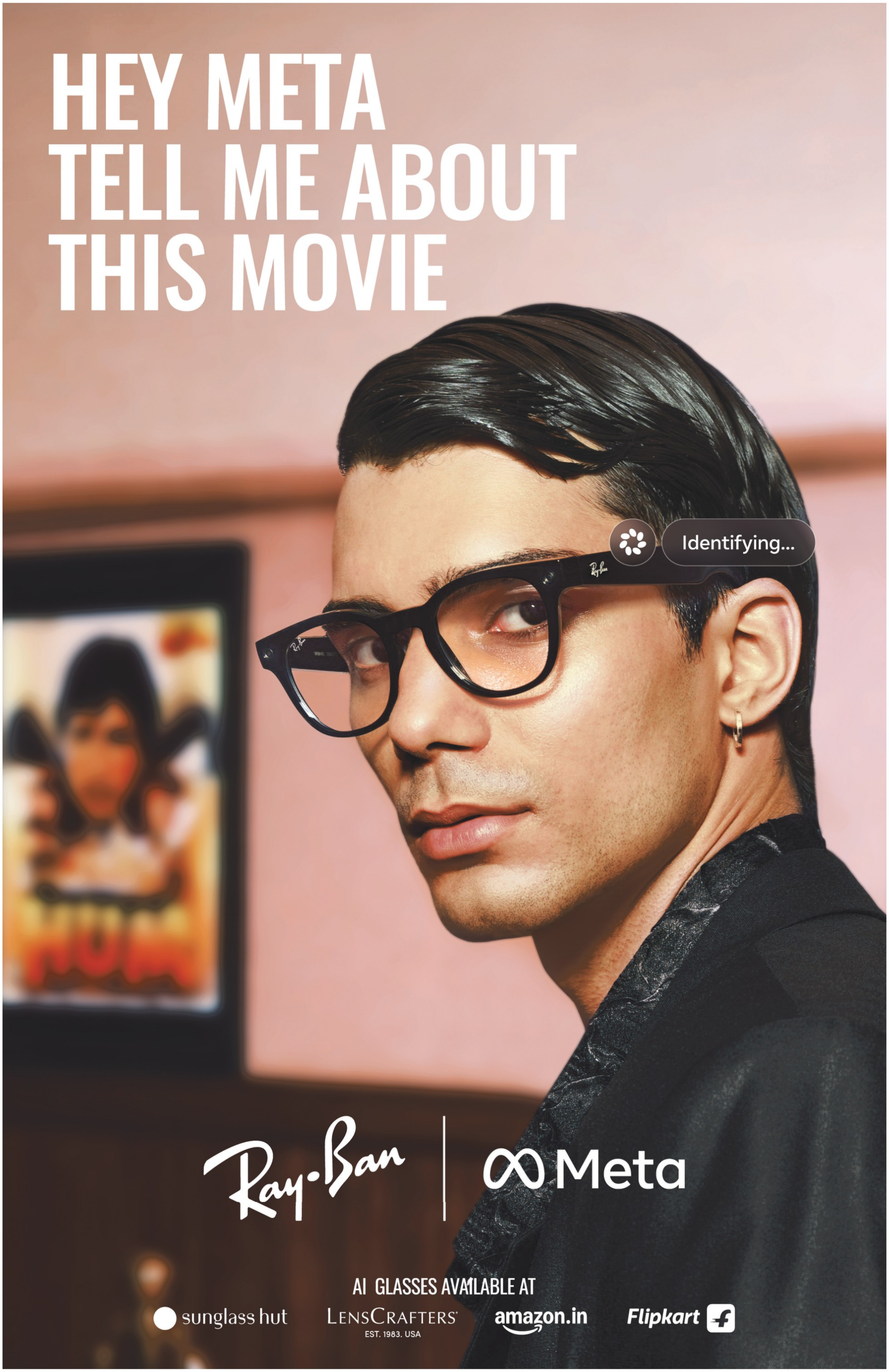
Of course, there were a lot of learnings as well. Last summer, I worked extremely hard on my physical conditioning, and I could clearly see the improvements this season. I know I need to keep doing that consistently every year, and that's going to remain a major focus for me going forward.

What is your next objective?

I would love to play in the individual event (singles) at the Asian Games. It is not just about winning an Asian Games gold; there is qualification for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, too. I would love to have a shot at that. I also aim to make it to the Platinum events next season. I need to be in the top 35 in the world to be able to get into those events. I'll be working towards that; I'm not far away.

Is there one eye on the Los Angeles Olympics?

Winning the singles title at the Asian Games is my major goal. If I win gold, I will clinch an Olympics berth. Nobody knows who will play in the individual events (at the Asian Games) because you have the mixed doubles event as well. But if I get a chance to play singles, it will be a pretty good opportunity.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State launches antimicrobial resistance surveillance programme

It is aimed at identifying resistance trends, emerging microbial threats, geographical variations in antimicrobial resistance

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

The initiative, being implemented in collaboration with the Tata Institute for Genetics and Society, Bengaluru, is aimed at generating evidence that can guide public health interventions, antibiotic stewardship and policy decisions.

Karnataka's Health Department has launched a Statewide scientific surveillance programme to map and monitor antimicrobial resistance (AMR) patterns across all districts. The initiative, being implemented in collaboration with the Tata Institute for Genetics and Society (TIGS), Bengaluru, is aimed at generating evidence that can guide public health interventions, antibiotic stewardship and policy decisions.

Aimed at identifying resistance trends, emerging microbial threats and geographical variations in antimicrobial resistance, the initiative involves systematic sample collection and analysis at selected surveillance sites across the State.

Incumbent Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao, in a letter dated May 27 inviting TIGS to collaborate with the Health Department, said antimicrobial resistance was emerging as one of the most significant public health challenges globally, with serious implications for healthcare delivery, patient outcomes and public health systems.

"In view of the growing concern regarding the AMR and the need for evidence-based interventions, the State government is keen to strengthen surveillance mechanisms to better understand antimicrobial resistance patterns across the State," the Minister said in the letter.

Scientific surveillance

Swetavalli Raghavan, advisor to the State government on Antimicrobial Resistance, who has been designated as the nodal coordinator for the initiative, said the objective is to strengthen scientific surveillance and enable evidence-based decision-making in public health.

The AMR is increasingly reducing the effectiveness of antibiotics, leading to severe infections, prolonged hospitalisation, higher healthcare costs and preventable mortality. "This initiative will generate robust scientific data to support policy formulation, strengthen preparedness and improve long-term health outcomes," she said.

Under the collaboration, the TIGS will provide scientific and technical support for surveillance activities, including genomic surveillance and antimicrobial susceptibility testing (AST), to generate high-quality evidence on resistance patterns across Karnataka.

"I will work closely with the TIGS on site selection, data collection, harmonisation of datasets and analysis. The data generated through the collaboration will be analysed and converted into actionable intelligence through analytics, modelling and simulation. The findings are expected to support antimicrobial stock planning, strengthen diagnostic access, guide antibiotic stewardship programmes and assist targeted enforcement measures by drug inspectors," Dr. Raghavan told *The Hindu*.

Local AMR trends

The initiative is also expected to provide clinicians with local resistance trends and prescribing insights to improve treatment decisions. In addition, the data could help identify priority gaps and opportunities for researchers, start-ups and industry to develop new diagnostics, therapeutics and other AMR-related solutions.

Pointing out that India continued to face significant gaps in real-time surveillance and actionable intelligence on the AMR, Dr. Raghavan said, "Karnataka now has an opportunity to build a scientifically rigorous, governance-integrated AMR surveillance ecosystem capable of informing rapid, evidence-based interventions. This initiative moves the AMR response beyond fragmented academic reporting towards continuous public health intelligence that can directly shape policy, strengthen antibiotic stewardship, improve outbreak preparedness and ultimately save lives."

Rakesh Mishra, Director of TIGS, said robust surveillance systems were critical to understanding how antimicrobial resistance evolves across communities and healthcare settings.

He said the partnership would combine advanced genomic tools and laboratory science with public health decision-making, creating a framework that could help Karnataka respond more effectively to emerging resistance threats while generating evidence for future innovation and policy action.

IIA measures magnetic fields in the Sun's corona

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A team of radio astronomers and engineers from the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) have successfully demonstrated unambiguous measurements of magnetic fields in the Sun's corona, located at a far away distance of 150 million kilometres.

The measurements were made using a unique and sensitive radio telescope system set-up at the IIA Gauribidanur observatory. The radio telescope is fabricated inhouse in the Gauribidanur observatory, using raw materials available within the country.

The team captured the twist in the electromagnetic radio waves from the 'undisturbed' Sun, called polarisation, using their telescope. The twist is caused by the magnetic field. The measured degree of polarisation is very small, approximately 0.01 to 0.02, and these are the very first reported direct measurements of this type. According to Shaik Sayuf, PhD student at IIA, who observed and analysed the data, the associated magnetic field strengths are less than one thousandth of a Tesla, the fundamental measurement unit for strength of the magnetic field.

Mr. Sayuf's PhD thesis supervisor in IIA, C. Kathiravan, said, "The estimated field strengths are similar to those created with the bar magnets in the school laboratory experiments. It is interesting that similar small field strengths in the Sun's atmosphere can give rise to strong eruptions which create disturbances in the near-Earth environment and affect the functioning of the satellites." R. Ramesh, senior professor in IIA and in charge for the radio astronomy activities of IIA in the Gauribidanur observatory, said that presently, it is nearly impossible to carry out similar magnetic field measurements in the Sun's corona with either ground-based or space-based telescopes that operate in other wavelength bands of the electromagnetic spectrum.

Mr. Ramesh added that the results show how the Gauribidanur observatory is effectively used as a training ground to provide valuable hands-on experience to the students and testbed for developing new technologies in radio astronomy with minimal investment compared to major ground- and space-based observational facilities elsewhere.

Man loses ₹7.17L to SIM switch scam

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 27-year-old private firm employee from BTM Layout has allegedly lost ₹7.17 lakh to cyber fraudsters after his mobile number was fraudulently ported to another telecom network and used to gain unauthorised access to his bank accounts. According to a complaint filed with the South East CEN (Cyber, Economic, and Narcotics) Police Station on Sunday, Kamlesh Kumar, a resident of BTM Layout, had been using a mobile number for the past 10 years.

Sudden deactivation

On May 25, he noticed that his mobile connection had suddenly been deactivated. When he approached the Airtel service centre the following day, he was informed that his number had been ported to Jio without his knowledge or consent.

Further inquiry revealed that the ownership of the mobile number had allegedly been changed from Kamlesh Kumar to a person identified as Shahbaz Ansari.

The complainant stated that he had no acquaintance or connection with the said individual. Following the incident, he lodged a lost report at the Mico Layout Police Station on May 27.

The complainant also alleged that between May 27 and May 29, the email address linked to his private bank Customer ID was changed without his authorisation to carry out unauthorised transactions from his accounts, including transfers from his overdraft, savings, and current accounts to unknown accounts.

Kumar stated that the fraudsters gained access to his banking services after illegally porting his mobile number and using it to bypass authentication mechanisms. A total of ₹7,17,660 was allegedly siphoned off through multiple unauthorised transactions. Based on the complaint, the police have registered a case.

An investigation has been launched to identify the accused and trace the diverted funds.

Durga Stalin visits Chamundi Hills temple

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin's wife, Durga Stalin, offered prayers at Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hills in Mysuru on Monday.

Former Minister and veteran JD(S) leader G.T. Deve Gowda's wife Lalitha, said the DMK chief's wife visited their house on Monday after offering prayers at Nimishamba Temple in Srirangapatna and Sri Chamundeshwari Temple in Mysuru.

Rubble on the street

Tough trek: A boy plodding through a rubble after white-topping was broken up on 2nd cross Patnoolpet, near Kalsipalya, in Bengaluru on Tuesday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Traffic crawls as roads flooded in ORR

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Commuters on Tuesday struggled to navigate stretches of east Bengaluru, especially around the Outer Ring Road (ORR), as evening rain coupled with ongoing storm-water drain works left roads flooded.

The situation was so severe that the stretch between K.R. Puram and Iblur Junction witnessed bumper-to-bumper traffic, leaving commuters stranded for more than an hour. A senior traffic police officer told *The Hindu* that multiple points were flooded along the ORR stretch, Marathahalli, and K.R. Puram Road, slowing down traffic. "The stretches witnessed knee-deep level flooding, forcing us to divert traffic. Both the main carriageway and the service lanes were clogged," the officer said. The officer noted that the Devarabeesanahalli Junction was the worst hit. The ripple effect of the paralysed traffic on the ORR was felt on other stretches that bore the additional burden, but the situation did not improve.

Other affected stretches included HAL Airport Road, Kadubeesanahalli Road, Bellandur-Doddakanelli Road, Bellandur Main Road, and Mahadevapura Main Road.

Commuters took to social media to express their frustration and shared videos and pictures of clogged roads.

'Quantum today is where artificial intelligence was five years ago'

Ajai Chowdhry, Chairman of the Mission Governing Board of the National Quantum Mission of India, speaks to *The Hindu* about achievements from the State in the quantum sector

INTERVIEW

Ajai Chowdhry

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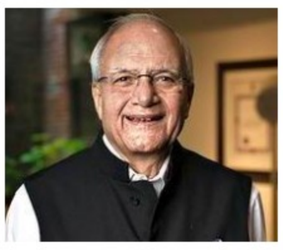

With a large concentration of research institutions, software and hardware companies, and start-ups, Karnataka, in particular Bengaluru, is key to India's quantum ambitions.

After the Union Cabinet approved the National Quantum Mission (NQM) in 2023 to build capabilities in quantum technologies, Indian Institute of Science (IISc) was selected as one of the hubs under the mission. Bengaluru is also home to most of the start-ups backed by the mission. Ajai Chowdhry, Chairman of the Mission Governing Board of the National Quantum Mission of India, speaks to *The Hindu* about achievements from the State in the quantum sector, progress made by the mission so far, the importance of sovereign technology and expected breakthroughs in the coming days.

Is NQM on track in terms of achieving its targets?

We started in earnest in January 2024. We created four hubs- IISc for quantum computing, IIT Madras for quantum communication, IIT Bombay for quantum sensing, and IIT Delhi for quantum devices and materials.

In the quantum communication area, we have made very good progress. We have four or five good start-ups, one of which has tested 500 km of quantum-secure network. This is a Bengaluru-based start-up named QNu, backed by NQM. We are the second country in the world to do this.

Why is it necessary for the country? If a powerful quantum computer appears in China, it can easily break our cybersecurity. So, we need to ensure that our financial systems, electrical grids and defence systems are quantum secure. Another problem is that a lot of bad people are already harvesting data. They harvest it now to decrypt it later. Quantum security should, therefore, be implemented at the earliest to prevent this.

Tell us about the progress made in the focus areas of the mission

A Bengaluru-based start-up named QpiAI, backed by NQM, this year announced a 64-qubit chip. They are going to deliver a quantum computer of 64 qubits next year.

That will be the most powerful quantum computer in this country.

Parallel to this, various research institutions have now achieved Technology Readiness Level-2 and 3 in different technologies for quantum computers. One of the institutes now has a photonics computer, and the other one is working on neutral atoms.

We have already come up with a very interesting product by which you can non-destructively test a chip.

At a time when concerns are growing over the possibility of hidden backdoors in imported chips, particularly from China, this technology can analyse a chip and detect any unauthorised modifications. Many good things are happening in sensing, too.

During Operation Sindoor, GPS got spoofed. To avoid this, you have to use sensing. The NQM is working with various organisations to ensure an alternative to GPS.

About the importance of developing sovereign technology

Around 40 start-ups are doing good work in quantum technology now. The majority of them are from Bengaluru. We invite proposals from various start-ups and software and hardware companies to design and make components for us. Every part of a quantum computer is important.

Countries are increasingly seeking to protect technologies through export controls. Our country must have technology sovereignty; if not, we risk being colonised. We are working on creating components in India, building domestic alternatives to global products. Many of these components currently have only a single global supplier, so developing a second source in India presents a significant market opportunity.

Quantum today is where AI was five years ago. If you don't get into quantum today, you are going to miss the bus.

What breakthroughs are you expecting in the days to come?

You will see us making a 2,500-km quantum safe network. It will happen in the next two years, much ahead of target.

We will also go after making the internet quantum secure, which means that fundamentally, if you're using internet that is quantum secure, your data is totally secure and non-trackable.

India's first commercially deployable quantum computer was launched in IIT Dharwad. Where does this fit in, in the larger mission?

We need to create a large number of quantum secure networking professionals to implement quantum networking all over the country quickly. My suggestion to the IIT Dharwad was to aggressively create quantum networking professionals.

This was part of the work that we did with the Karnataka government. The State government wanted to create a quantum policy, and we at the NQM worked with them to create the policy. It was the first government in the country to invest in quantum. They created a Centre of Excellence for quantum in IISc two years ago.

India vulnerable to chronic aircraft noise thanks to regulatory gaps

Researchers have said the health effects of noise depend on how loud it is as well as on how often it occurs, how long it continues for, whether people have enough time to recover before the next exposure — especially as they sleep at night — and cumulative long-term exposure

Rohan Singh
Kushagra Rajendra
Argha Kamal Guha

The standard metrics designed for steady industrial noise don't capture the intermittent, burst-like nature of the noise from aircraft. PASCAL MEIER/UNSPLASH

THE GIST

- Even as India's airports monitor sound with increasing technical precision, they have paid far less attention to what years of repeated exposure may be doing to people
- Research on the long-term biological effects of chronic aircraft noise in India is also limited
- Some emerging research has pointed to inflammation, stress-related changes, and even cognitive effects
- The fact remains, however, that the gap between regulatory noise monitoring and understanding biological risk is widening

Every few minutes, aircraft descend over densely populated neighbourhoods near India's major airports. For the people here, the noise has been almost constant for years, often even continuing through the night. India's aviation and environmental regulations require airports to map the aircraft noise exposure using decibel contours – maps showing how the air pressure varies around the airport. Official assessments have also identified high-noise zones extending into residential areas.

But even as India's airports monitor sound with increasing technical precision, they have paid far less attention to what years of repeated exposure may be doing to people. Research on the long-term biological effects of chronic aircraft noise in India is also limited. Some emerging research has pointed to inflammation, stress-related changes, and even cognitive effects. The fact remains, however, that the gap between regulatory noise monitoring and understanding biological risk is widening.

Aircraft noise, biological stress

The limited research available, often confined to high-intensity occupational settings such as aviation personnel, nevertheless suggests aircraft noise may have effects far beyond hearing loss alone.

One 2025 study led by Manish Shukla, a scientist at the Defence Institute of Physiology and Allied Sciences, a laboratory under the Defence Research and Development Organisation in New Delhi, checked 621 Air Force personnel who were chronically exposed to aircraft noise. The researchers found elevated levels of systemic inflammation and oxidative stress and lower heart-rate variability.

These personnel also showed subclinical cochlear and neural damage. While their standard hearing tests were normal, they had inner-ear and auditory nerve dysfunction.

Together, the findings suggested aircraft noise may be a chronic biological stressor affecting both auditory and cardiovascular systems. Dr. Shukla noted that even lower urban noise levels, when experienced over long periods, could potentially trigger similar stress-related pathways in the body.

He added that current aircraft noise assessment frameworks may underestimate broader public health risks because they remain largely centered on hearing damage and decibel thresholds. He noted that emerging evidence increasingly links chronic noise exposure to stress-related inflammation and cardiovascular effects, even at lower exposure levels.

The current approaches to monitoring also fall short of addressing cumulative biological stress, Dr. Shukla said.

Unequal risk

The gap between monitoring noise and understanding risk requires technical but also social solutions because of how the options of the people at risk are constrained. Not all people living near airports can afford to move elsewhere or fully proof their homes from the vibrations and noise.

Rajeev Kariya, who has lived near Delhi airport flight paths for decades now, said aircraft noise has become more intense over the years as flights have become larger and more frequent and airports have extended runway operations. He said the continuous noise regularly disrupts sleep and irritates him throughout the day. He installed expensive double-glazed windows but they did little to keep the noise out. His neighbourhood, he said, is suffused with it.

Researchers have said the health effects of noise depend on how loud it is as well as on how often it occurs, how long it continues for, whether people have enough time to recover before the next exposure – especially as they sleep at night – and cumulative long-term exposure.

Both World Health Organization and International Civil Aviation Organization guidelines have acknowledged these factors.

The standard acoustic metrics are designed for steady industrial noise. They do not capture the intermittent, burst-like nature of the noise from aircraft flying overhead. That is, each takeoff produces sudden sound peaks and that can trigger disproportionate psychological responses.

Markandeya Tiwari, a former faculty member of the Department of Civil Engineering at IIT-Banaras Hindu University, said relying only on averaged indicators, such as L_{eq} and L_{DN}, is insufficient to understand aircraft noise exposure. He added that additional metrics such as L_{10}, L_{50}, and L_{90} are required to capture fluctuations, peak exposure periods, and intermittent noise.

L_{eq} is the average acoustic energy. L_{DN} is a variant of Leq over 24 hours plus 10 dB added to all nighttime noise. L_{10}, L_{50}, and L_{90} are the sound levels exceeded for 10%, 50%, and 90% of the time.

Activist Anil Sood, who has been involved in legal disputes over airport noise for nearly 17 years, has disputed whether averaged indicators can capture repeated noise peaks, night-time disturbances, and long-term exposure linked to health risks. Using RTI applications and court proceedings, Mr. Sood has questioned official monitoring methodologies and airport-noise assessments.

According to him, while the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) is formally responsible for monitoring aviation noise, most of the compliance is handled by airport operators and the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

Former CPCB regional director D.K. Soni said the current regulations do not adequately address the long-term public-health implications of chronic noise. Cumulative exposure assessment, he said, remains a low regulatory priority.

CSIR-National Environment Engineering Research Institute senior technical officer Satish K. Lokhande said India's aircraft noise monitoring needs substantial improvements.

"Currently, monitoring is largely limited to regulatory compliance rather than long-term health-based assessments," he said, recommending real-time noise monitoring networks around residential and hospital zones with public dashboards.

Beyond decibels

According to Dr. Tiwari, acoustic monitoring that is mindful of fluctuations in sound levels could help identify when peak exposure occurs. That then could allow doctors and hospitals, urban planners, and architects to develop more targeted ways to mitigate noise and health-based standards for affected populations.

Taken together, the challenge now is not that data is unavailable – it exists – but that health-based evidence of harm is linked in a very limited way to aviation regulations. Until that changes, India may continue to measure aircraft noise with great precision even as it knows less and less about the noise's long-term impact.

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A blue moon, the second full moon in a calendar month, rises behind the ancient Greek temple of Poseidon at Cape Sounion south of Athens, on May 31. AFP

WHAT IS IT?

Bolides: fireballs going boom

Vasudevan Mukunth

On May 30, a meteor exploded over northeastern U.S. while producing loud booming noises. NASA scientists said the object broke apart around 64 km above the ground as it was falling at more than 1,20,000 km/hr. The energy the explosion released was estimated to be equivalent to around 300 tonnes of TNT.

Experts often call these objects bolides. A bolide is an exceptionally bright meteor that breaks apart or explodes in the earth's atmosphere. These objects are originally small pieces of rock or metal in space that, after a close encounter with the earth, enter the atmosphere as meteors. As such a meteor falls, the air in front becomes compressed and heated, causing it to glow and produce a bright streak of light across the sky.

Most meteors are very small and burn up completely before reaching the ground. However, larger ones can survive for longer. If they become bright enough, they become fireballs. And if they fragment violently and release a large amount of energy, astronomers often call them bolides.

The rock or metal is usually some small fragment left behind by asteroids or, less often, comets. They orbit the sun until their paths intersect with that of the earth. When they enter the atmosphere, they can travel tens of kilometres every second. The loud booms are the resulting shockwaves.

A frame grab of a video recorded by a dashboard camera shows the Chelyabinsk meteorite descending in February 2013. AP

A famous example is the Chelyabinsk bolide, which exploded over Russia in 2013, generating a powerful shockwave that damaged buildings and injured more than a thousand people.

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Congestion at Wind Tunnel Junction to persist till 2027

Initially, the civic body had estimated four months to complete the project, but the revised deadline, following preliminary works, has been extended to seven months

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The construction of the Wind Tunnel Junction underpass in east Bengaluru, which has already missed at least five deadlines and became the site of protest against VIP culture by a man on Sunday, is likely to continue until January 2027, according to a source in the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA).

Initially, the civic body had estimated that the project would be completed in four months, but the revised deadline, following preliminary works, had been extended to seven months. The Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) had asked the civic body to submit an undertaking specifying the deadline. Officials have requested 180 days, exclusive of the monsoon period of one month, meaning a possible extension of another 30 days, according to the source.

"We have completed the pipeline works and have started excavation to install magic boxes on one side of the stretch. Looking at it practically, we need seven more months, considering that we have only partial closure of the stretch for traffic and that the works are being carried out in phases," the source said.

Meanwhile, M. Maheshwar Rao, GBA Chief Commissioner, has directed officials to deploy additional manpower to expedite the works. An engineer overseeing the project told *The Hindu* that while more manpower is being planned, heavy machinery such as excavators will also be deployed.

The junction has been severely affected by slow-moving traffic and long congestion queues, especially during peak hours.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The official added that the movement of heavy vehicles through the junction has been restricted to prevent the congestion queue from extending further. Instead, heavy vehicles are being diverted at the Suranjan Das Junction, which is the only alternative route.

Stretch hit badly

The junction, however, has been severely affected by slow-moving traffic and long congestion queues, especially during peak hours. As a result, techies commuting from central Bengaluru, parts of the southeastern region, and northern parts of the city to the tech corridor are being forced to endure prolonged travel time.

A traffic police officer on the ground told *The Hindu* that they are witnessing vehicles hitting the road well before peak hours, suggesting that commuters are starting their journeys earlier to avoid getting stuck at the junction.

"One of the major problems is that there are more than two hospitals located on this stretch, resulting in regular ambulance movement. This means we have to prioritise one carriageway at those times, which sparks anger among commuters," he said.

The traffic police admitted that there has been a visible increase in honking and frustration among commuters, compounded by a zero-traffic arrangement for VIP movement, which led to a man staging a protest in the middle of the road on Sunday.

The erstwhile Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) originally planned the ongoing project in 2014 and subsequently issued tenders.

The plan was to redevelop the 16.5-km HAL Airport Road stretch between ASC Junction and Hope Farm Junction at a cost of ₹135.25 crore. While works at the other two junctions were completed, the Wind Tunnel Junction project was delayed beyond multiple deadlines, and the civic body became serious about taking up the work only two years ago. However, the traffic police were not ready to grant permission for the project extension as they rejected proposals by the civic body six times.

"The volume of vehicles on this stretch has grown substantially over the past few years, and it is now one of the most congested high-density corridors. Moreover, the HAL Airport is operational and is used by VIPs, resulting in constant movement. That is why we had not granted permission earlier," a senior traffic officer said.

However, the officer noted that the GBA had directed them to grant permission this time for the project's completion. "The civic body had promised to complete the works within 120 days, and we will ask them to adhere to that deadline," the officer said.

Encroached footpaths, fast-moving vehicles put pedestrians at risk at Wind Tunnel Junction

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

If you are a commuter on HAL Airport Road, an excessive amount of dust, persistent honking, and traffic snarls will greet you at the Wind Tunnel Junction, as underpass construction work has narrowed the stretch.

Extensive work

On either side, traffic persists for at least 400 to 500 metres and can stretch up to 800 metres during peak hours. The situation is set to worsen as the civic body will soon begin extensive work.

However, pedestrians are the most vulnerable, as there is little space for them to move around.

Under the new arrangement to facilitate civic works, the stretch towards Domlur has been reduced by half, and traffic from that stretch has been accommodated on the other carriageway towards Marathahalli, which means that the width of the latter stretch has also been reduced.

Footpaths

As the roads have narrowed, motorists have started using footpaths to navigate faster, putting pedestrians' lives at risk. The footpaths are also not maintained well.

If a pedestrian has to cross the road, he or she has to wait at least three to four minutes for the traffic to stop

Anisha Shekar, a daily commuter on the road, pointed out that the footpaths are dug up, plagued with cables, and encroached upon by construction materials.

"Pedestrians have to be extra careful while walking at the Wind Tunnel Junction as two-wheelers move relatively fast to avoid getting stuck at the signal," she said. "It's a junction where tragedy is waiting to happen," she added.

Apart from these issues, if a pedestrian has to cross to the other side of the road, the person has to wait at least three to four minutes for the traffic to stop. Compounding the problem, there is no overpass near the junction.

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The death toll from Russian strikes on Ukraine

18 The death toll from Russian strikes on Ukraine overnight rose to 18, officials said on Tuesday, hours after Moscow's forces launched hundreds of drones and dozens of missiles across the country. The mayor of Kyiv announced that six people had been killed and 66 wounded in the capital, while authorities in the city of Dnipro said that 12 people had died in the attack. AFP

Number of mortgages approved by U.K. lenders in April

65,945 The number of mortgages approved by British lenders for house purchases rose to a three-month high of 65,945 in April from 63,979 in March, according to Bank of England data on Tuesday. April's approvals were well above the 62,000 median forecast in a Reuters poll of economists. REUTERS

Eurozone inflation in May due to the war in West Asia

3.20 in per cent. Eurozone inflation rose in May as the West Asia conflict sent energy costs soaring, official data showed Tuesday, reinforcing the likelihood of an interest rate increase in the single currency area. Consumer price rises accelerated to 3.2 per cent last month, the EU's statistics agency Eurostat said, up from 3.0 percent in April. AFP

Value of defence exports by Israel in 2025

19.2 in $ billion. Israeli arms exports have reached an all-time high for the fifth consecutive year, hitting more than $19 billion in 2025, the Defence Ministry announced Tuesday. Missile, rocket and air defence systems were the lead exports, it said, adding that a "surge was recorded in observation and optronics systems". AFP

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The future of India's chip industry

A new NITI Aayog report says India's semiconductor ecosystem is not yet equipped to fully meet domestic demand, while stressing the need to strengthen local manufacturing, as geopolitical pressures could potentially disrupt the electronics supply chain

EXPLAINER

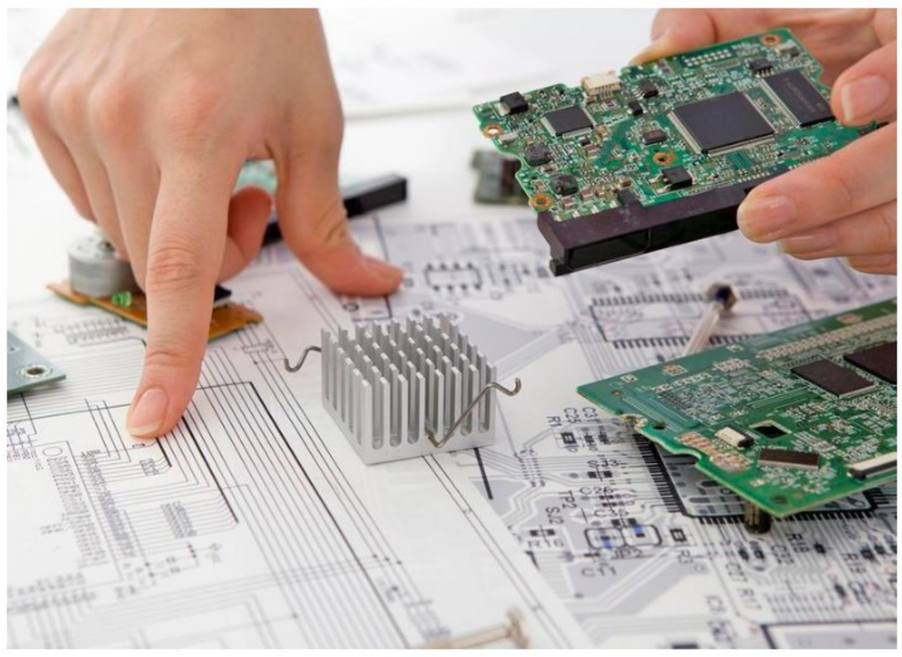
Aroon Deep

NITI Aayog's Frontier Tech Hub released a report last week that had two main messages: first, that India faces steep challenges in developing world-class semiconductor manufacturing capabilities, and second, that national interest necessitated pursuing this field doggedly regardless of those difficulties.

The Union government has made chipmaking a priority, since semiconductors are a part of nearly all electronics, from consumer gadgets to defence gear. Yet, India does not have a single fabrication unit, with the first expected to open in Dholera, Gujarat by 2028, with a total of ten in various stages of development. Multiple semiconductor packaging and testing facilities have been generously subsidised and supported by the Union government (as well as some State governments), through initiatives like the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM).

The ISM is a ₹76,000 crore corpus, and it is almost fully earmarked to projects across semiconductor fabs, incentives for component manufacturing, and bulk subscriptions to industry-grade semiconductor design applications for students and academia. While the most cutting edge and ambitious projects – fabs – have received capital subsidies of upwards of 50%, other projects have received production- or output-linked incentives.

The report, titled 'Future of India's Semiconductor Industry', reiterates that these are yet early days for the semiconductor industry, since even chips used in domestic electronics assembly operations are largely sourced from outside the country. "India's local ecosystem is not ready to fully meet domestic demand for semiconductors," the report said. But it insisted that there was still a need to manufacture locally, as geopolitical pressures like a disaster in Taiwan could massively disrupt the electronics supply chain. "As many semiconductor parts used in defence systems are produced outside India, deploying them in our aerospace and defence programmes is increasing threats to national security," the report adds.



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The sector "requires sustained, mission-mode commitment over a decade or more," the report said.

Fab gestation

The report points to several challenges in this indigenisation process, not least of which is the time involved. "Typically, fab units require four to five years before commencing production," the report points out. "During the gestation phase, these units need to invest in purchasing more than 50 specialised equipment from global players. Even after the production is over, processes like yield optimisation and reliability test take several quarters before chips reach the market." Developing talent to work in these fabs is also, as a result, time consuming, the report says.

The report urges the government to work on "building sovereign design and research capabilities, R&D excellence and harnessing agentic AI for semiconductor engineering," since "building deep capabilities" in materials sciences and silicon designing will "move India from a services-led design base to a creator of differentiated IP, architectures and integration technologies that define next generation systems."

Capital investment

While the details on the second phase of the India Semiconductor Mission are yet to be revealed, the report pegs the necessary capital expenditure from the state at $45-60 billion over a period of ten years. This amount should, however, be spent on projects where the risk is less and "bankability" can assure returns to investors, the report warns. This translates to a shift away from directing public funds towards frontier chips, whose transistors are the smallest – 3 to 7 nanometres – and towards "mature, advanced–aligned with strategic relevance–as well as compound nodes," the report says.

The report is key in understanding the potential scope of ISM 2.0, since its ambition is defined and largely stays out of big-ticket frontier fab projects. It advocates, for instance, "selective depth, capital efficiency and system-level differentiation, rather than attempting to replicate the full global manufacturing spectrum."

For instance, packaging, which is among the last steps of a chipmaking process, and less expensive and complex than fabrication, is identified as a "core production pillar, not a downstream activity" in the report. The report calls for "[r]apid import substitution in high volume domestic segments".

Trusted partners

The report implies that China is an adversary in chipmaking in spite of the recent thaw in relations. In a list of "priority partners," the report highlights the U.S., Japan, the European Union, and South Korea as partners with whom to work to get "access to critical tools, equipment servicing and lifecycle support," and to take advantage of "India's market scale, talent base and packaging capacity."

"With sustained commitment and strategic clarity, India can build a competitive semiconductor ecosystem that strengthens economic resilience and positions the nation as a key player in the future of advanced technology," the report concludes. IT Secretary S. Krishnan welcomed the report as a "structured, actionable framework," and said in a foreword that, "India is well positioned to convert its semiconductor ambition into enduring industrial and strategic reality".

THE GIST

- The Union government has made semiconductor manufacturing a priority, but India does not yet have a fabrication unit. A recent report by NITI Aayog's Frontier Tech Hub underscores the need to bolster local manufacturing.
- The report urges the government to work on 'building sovereign design and research capabilities, R&D excellence and harnessing agentic AI for semiconductor engineering'.

The need for strengthening India's EV supply chains

As EV adoption gathers pace, there is a greater need to focus on reducing vulnerability to external shocks

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India's electrification of road transport has entered a decisive growth phase. Around 2.5 million vehicles were sold in FY26, a significant increase from FY25. This momentum reflects the effectiveness of policy support from both the Centre and the States, including upfront purchase incentives, road tax exemptions and other demand-side interventions. These measures helped create the initial market, reduce consumer hesitation, and establish electric vehicles (EVs) as a credible and tested technology.

Import dependence

The next phase of EV adoption demands a different policy and industrial logic. As the sector scales, India is moving away from imported fossil fuels, only to find itself becoming increasingly dependent on imported lithium-ion batteries. The challenge is no longer how quickly India can electrify transport, but how it can do so without creating a new strategic vulnerability. EV growth must now be judged by three additional metrics: supply chain resilience, strategic autonomy, and long-term sustainability.

India's domestic cell manufacturing is still far below the scale needed to alter import dependence meaningfully. Under the ACC Battery Production Linked Incentive scheme, 40 GWh of capacity has been awarded, but only about 1 GWh has been installed so far. Meanwhile, passenger EVs sold in India are sourcing batteries from 14 global manufacturers, with 7,987 MWh imported in 2025. Of this, a significant share came from Chinese manufacturers, highlighting that increasing EV sales are tightly correlated with increasing imports from China.

This concentration creates a structural risk for Indian EV OEMs (original equipment manufacturers). Battery supply is increasingly exposed to a single-country ecosystem that is shaped by policy, geopolitics, and industrial strategy outside India's control. Several developments in China are influencing pricing and availability, like tighter technology restrictions, prioritisation of domestic demand, withdrawal of VAT exemptions on battery exports, and more. Additionally, the West Asia conflict has compounded the pressure through higher raw material costs, elevated manufacturing expenses in China, and rising transport and risk premiums.

The consequences extend beyond OEM balance sheets. Battery inflation delays price parity with internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles and slows the shift from early adopters to mass-market buyers. In a market as price-sensitive as India's, rising cell costs can confine EVs to premium segments and place national adoption targets at risk if the situation persists and OEMs are forced to pass on higher costs to consumers.

This requires a holistic situational assessment and identifying key interventions in the short to medium term. The near-term response must be pragmatic. Many OEMs already talk of a "China + 1" sourcing strategy, but actual supplier diversity varies widely by segment. Higher-end EVs are increasingly paired with non-Chinese NMC batteries, while cost-sensitive mass-market models continue to rely on cheaper Chinese LFP cells. True diversification, across suppliers, chemistries, and geographies, may raise costs initially; but it significantly lowers the risk of strategic disruption over time.

Product modifications

The cost shock should also drive product-level discipline. OEMs need to design EVs around efficiency, lighter architectures, more effective drivetrains, smarter software calibration, and battery right-sizing aligned with actual usage rather than aspirational range. India's market may ultimately reward lean, purpose-built electrification over oversized vehicles designed around imported battery economics. Software-defined battery platforms that support multiple chemistries without hardware redesign would further improve flexibility as the cell market evolves. Moreover, Indian manufacturers should begin type-testing vehicles across emerging chemistries, including sodium-ion batteries. Sodium-ion is not yet a full substitute for lithium-ion across all use cases, but it could serve as a meaningful hedge as production scales domestically, broadening the technology base and reducing dependence on any single chemistry or supplier.

Further, India's path forward lies in building a structured 'EV supply chain alliance' with trusted partners, one that spans minerals, manufacturing, technology, and standards. Such an alliance would distribute risk across geographies, deepen domestic capability over time, and ensure that no single external disruption can stall India's electrification agenda.

The EV transition is no longer straightforward and the recent disruptions underscore the need for a more resilient approach. India has already demonstrated that it can create demand for clean mobility. The next test is whether it can build the industrial depth to sustain that demand without becoming dependent on a single external bottleneck.

(Jaideep Saraswat is the Associate Director of the Clean Power, Electric Mobility & Emerging Technologies vertical at Vasudha Foundation. Akanksha Golchha is Senior Associate (non-resident) with the Chair on India & Emerging Asia Economics at Center for Strategic and International Studies.)

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.: SWRTMYPR2026WT03
Dated: 26.05.2026

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Supply, fixing and installation of Emergency Back-Up System on various Track Machines of South Western Railway.	Rs. 46,83,420.00

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 25.06.2026**

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Dy. Chief Engineer/Track Machines/ Yesvantpur, Bengaluru

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Public are hereby informed that my client has negotiated to purchase the residential house **bearing BBMP Municipal No. 21, new EPID No. 2239557726**, old PID No. 68-98-21, **old House List No. 162/6B, Katha No. 245/1, Old Kaneshumari No. 30**, situated at Jakkasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring **East to West 40 ft and North to South 29 ft and totally measuring 1160 sq. ft.** along with residential building with built up area 2200 sq. ft. and bounded on the:

East by : Property bearing No. 8
West by : Property bearing No. 6
North by : Property of Annavappa
South by : Road

Persons having any right or objection over the said property may lodge their objections / claims with documentary evidence within 7 days from the date of this publication to the undersigned,

SALAMMA FRANCIS
Advocate
No. 311/55, 6th A Cross,
Venkatapura, Kormangala 1st Block,
Bangalore - 560034
Bangalore 03-06-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed that my clients **SRI.NANDESH.N**, S/o Sri.Nagabhushana Reddy. N, Aged about 44 years, Aadhaar No.553088752874 and **SMT.NETHRA.N** W/o Sri.Nandesh N, aged about 32 years, Aadhaar No.5060 0366 7286, both are Residing at No.81, 2nd Cross, Jayappa Layout, Kudlu, Bommanahalli Post, Bangalore-560 068, are intend to Purchase the schedule property from its owner **C.V.RAMANA REDDY,** Aged about 57 years, S/o Late C.Purushotham Reddy, Residing at F No.A1, No.W-481, Praveen Virat, 2nd Avenue, C Sector, Anna Nagar West, Anna Nagar West Extn, Ambattur, Tiruvallar, Tamil Nadu-600 101, Aadhaar No.2923 6527 4977.

The general public are hereby notified that in case if any person/s asserting any legitimate right, objection/s or claim over the schedule property or any part thereof, they may forward such right/s or objection/s or claim/s along with the relevant documentary proof, to the undersigned with **15 days** from hereof. All such claims/objections received after **15 days** from the date of notification shall not be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing **Site No.1913/A**, 'A' Block, BBMP Khatha No.1643/1913/A, a Layout formed by the Aircraft Employees co-Operative Society Ltd., formed Sy Nos.6/1, 6/2, 8/1, 8/2, 8/3, 8/4, 8/5, 8/6, 10/1, 10/3, 15/1P, 15/2P, 17/P, 18, 19, 21/1, 21/2, 21/3, 22/1, 22/2, 23/1, 23/2, 23/3, 23/4, 23/5, 23/6, 23/7, 23/8, 23/9, 23/10, 23/11, 23/12, 23/13, 25/1, 25/2, 25/3, 25/4, 25/5, 25/6, 26/1P, 26/3, 27/1A, 27/1B, 27/2,28/1A, 28/1B, 28/2, 28/3, 28/4, 28/5, 29/1, 29/2, 30/1, 30/2, 31, 32/2, 32/3, 36, 38, 39, 43/1, 44, 46, 61/1, 61/2, 62, 63, 64, 67/1, 67/2, 67/3, 67/4, 67/6, 68/1, 72/1, 72/2, 72/3, 72/4, 73, 74, 75/1, 75/2, 75/3, 75/4, 75/5, 75/6, 75/7, 75/8, 75/9, 76/1, 76/3, 76/4, 77/1, 77/2, 77/3, 77/4, 77/5, 77/6, 78, 79/1, 79/2, 79/3, 79/4, 79/5, 79/6, 79/7, 79/8, 79/9, 80, 81/1, 81/2A, 81/2B, 81/2C, 81/3A, 81/3B, 83, 84, 85, 91/1, 91/2, 94/1, 94/2, 95, 96/1P, 96/2, 96/3, 97/1B, 97/2, 102/1, 102/2, 103/1, 103/3, 103/4, 103/5B ,103/6, 104/2, 105/1P, 105/2, 105/3, 106/1P, 106/2P, 106/3, 106/4, 106/5, 106/6, 109, 111/1 and 111/2 of **Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District,** in the Layout plan of the AECS Society approved by the Bangalore Development Authority and as per the order of the Bangalore Development Authority dated: 12.11.1992, No. BDA/TPM/DD/1263/92-93, and Modified Plan has been issued by Bangalore Development Authority vide their Letter reference No. BDA/TPM/PL-31/1259/2008-09, dated 11.08.2008. This Layout Plan is approved by Authority Committee vide Reference No. 124/2008 dated 23.04.2008 and Commissioner Order No. 4128, dated 02.08.2008., now comes under the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Limits, Ward No.191, measuring East to West **40 Feet** and North to South **30 Feet,** in all measuring **1200 Square Feet** and bounded on:

East by : Road, West by : Site No.1912, North by : Site No.1913, South by : Site No.1914.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

GENERAL PUBLIC are hereby notified that Smt. Kamala K.G, is the sole and absolute owner in possession and enjoyment of the property bearing Site No. 12–R, formed in Sy. No. 24/6, Khatha No. 2276/12/4015, PID No. 57685, situated at Mahalakshminagara Extension, Batawadi, Corporation Ward No. 35, Tumkur, measuring East to West 41 feet North to South 81 feet, which is hereinafter referred to as Schedule Property. Since the below mentioned original document have been lost, she has lodged police compliant to that extent. The details of the said original document is as follows; "Registered General Power of Attorney dated 04.09.1992 executed by K.M. Ramesh Kumar in favour of V. Raveesh Kumar, registered as Doc. No. 178/1992–93, Book–IV, Volume No. 45, Pages 87–89, registered at the office of the Sub–Registrar, Tumkur". If any person/authority etc.., found the above–mentioned original document, it is hereby requested to return the same to the undersigned. Kamala KG Address :1409, SVM nilaya, SMV layout Block1, Bangalore 560056 Mobile : 9019600997

ಮಂಗಳೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರಪಾಲಿಕೆ

MCC/EE2/TENDER-11/2026-27 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 01-06-2026

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ E-PROCUREMENT OF KARNATAKA

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅದ್ಯಾದೇಶ 1999–2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆಕ್ಟ್ 2000ರ ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆ.ಜಿ. ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸೂಚಿಸಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು **ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ** ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10–06–2026.** ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ **kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರವನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

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DIPR/DK/KSMCA/303/26-27 dt: 02.06.2026

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement portal only)

Tenders are invited through e-Procurement Portal (Website URL: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**) for below mentioned works:

(1) KPCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT4203, dated 27.05.2026 for **"Providing cabins for operation staff at Switch gear rooms of Unit-1 to 8 at El. +4.50M at RTPS".** Amount put to tender: **Rs. 16.68 Lakhs** (Exclusive of GST). EMD: **Rs. 41,750/-.** Last date and time for submission of tenders: **12.06.2026 up to 17.30 hrs.**

Further details can be had from Executive Engineer (PCM-2), RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar-584170, Dist: Raichur during office hours. Mobile No. 9449596582.

(2) KPCL/2026-27/PS/WORK_INDENT4211, dated 29.05.2026 for **"RTPS-Repair/Reconditioning and Overhauling of the SWIFT make hoists in the CHP2 area".** EMD: **Rs. 46,600/-** Last date and time for submission of tenders: **16.06.2026 up to 17.00 hrs.**

(3) KPCL/2026-27/PS/WORK_INDENT4219, dated 30.05.2026 for **"RTPS-Supply, Replacement and Re-fixing of damaged cable tray and MS Angle supports at various locations in CHP-2".** EMD: **Rs. 41,000/-** Last date and time for submission of tenders: **17.06.2026 up to 17.00 hrs.**

Further details can be had from Executive Engineer (CHP) E-2, RTPS & Shaktinagar during office hours. Mobile No. 9449596534

(4) KPCL/2026-27/PS/WORK_INDENT4147/Call-2, dated 29.05.2026 for **"RTPS-Complete Thread repair for Separator Body Journal assembly covers with Helicoil inserts for HP-803 Bowl Mills of Unit 3 & 4".** EMD: **Rs. 84,600/-.** Last date and time for submission of tenders: **06.06.2026 up to 17.00 hrs.**

(5) KPCL/2026-27/PS/WORK_INDENT4151/Call-2, dated 29.05.2026 for **"Complete Repair/Refurbishment/Reclamation of 1 No. of Separator body and Scraper Chamber of BHEL Make Coal Mill XRP 803 installed at Unit 2 RTPS".** EMD: **Rs. 73,200/-.** Last date and time for submission of tenders: **06.06.2026 up to 17.00 hrs.**

Further details can be had from Executive Engineer (MM-1), RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar-584170, Dist: Raichur during office hours. Mobile No. 9449596545.

(6) KPCL/2026-27/PS/WORK_INDENT4213, dated 29.05.2026 for **"RTPS-Assistance in operation of DM Plant 1 & 2, clarifiers, cooling water treatment, collection of boiler and steam samples of units, Chlorine-dioxide generation and regular monitoring of environmental parameters of all eight units".** Last date and time for submission of tenders: **29.06.2026 up to 14.30 hrs.**

Further details can be had from Deputy General Manager (Chemical), RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar-584170, Dist: Raichur during office hours. Mobile No. 9449596589/9449598884.

BENGALURU CENTRAL CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer,
Shanthinagara Division, 9th Floor,
Public Utility Building, M.G. Road, Bengaluru-560001.

No: EE/SN/TEND/03/2026-27 Date: 01-06-2026

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Quality and Cost Based Selection)
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer (Shanthinagara Division), BCCC, Bengaluru invites Bids from reputed Consultants for the Services detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Project Management Consultancy Services for the work of Construction of MLA Office at ORC Road Austin Town at Old MLA Office Building in Ward No. 114, Agaram. **PMC Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 12.88, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 32,200.00**
2	Project Management Consultancy Services for the work of Construction of Community Hall at Jogupalya in Ward No. 89. **PMC Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 7.47, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 18,675.00**
3	Project Management Consultancy Services for the work of Construction of Community Hall at Austin Town in Ward No. 111, Shanthalanagara. **PMC Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 3.60, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 9,000.00**
4	Project Management Consultancy Services for the work of Construction of Community Hall at Akkithimmanahalli in Ward No. 117. **PMC Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 2.67, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 6,675.00**
5	Project Management Consultancy Services for the work of Construction of Super Speciality 300 Bed Hospital at Shanthinagara. **PMC Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 74.74, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 1,49,480.00**
6	Project Management Consultancy Services for the work of Comprehensive Development of Roads and Drains at Areas Ward No. 166, Shanthinagara, Ward No. 168, Neelasandra, Ward No. 169, Vannarpet and Ward No. 172, Agaram of Shanthinagara Constituency. **PMC Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 10.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 25,000.00**
7	Project Management Consultancy Services for the work of Construction of School Building and Improvements to School Building in Ward No. 117 of Shanthinagara Sub Division (New Ward No. 166, Shanthinagara) and Providing and Installation of Stainless Steel (SS) Name Boards in Shanthinagara Constituency under "Chief Minister Infrastructure Development Programme" (CMIDP) Grants 2025-26 **(GO No. 9 & 10) (Package-4). PMC Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 30.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 37,500.00**

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender Documents may be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **08-06-2026 at 15.30 Hours in the Office of the Chief Engineer, Central Zone-1, 18th Floor, Public Utility Building, Bengaluru - 560001. 3)** Last Date for Submission of Tender Documents **on or before 16.00 Hours on 12-06-2026. 4)** Technical Bids will be Opened on the Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in at the Office of the Executive Engineer, Shanthinagara Division on 15-06-2026 at 16.30 Hours.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Shanthinagara Division, BCCC.

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

(Infrastructure Development, Ports and Inland Water Transport Department)
Karnataka Maritime Board
Office of the Executive Engineer, Port & Fisheries Division,
'Shamil Hall' 2nd floor, Ambalapady, Udupi-576103
Tel No: 0820-2532961 Email: pfdudupi@gmail.com
No:EE: P&F: DVN: Udupi:AE:Tender Notification-05/2026-27: Dt.01-06-2026

Invitation for tenders (IFT)
Short TermTender Notification (2nd Call)

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, **"Removal of Silt-Mixed Sand in the Stream at Kodikanyana Jetty, Brahmavara Taluk, Udupi District."(Tender Amount Rs.70.78 Lakhs)** 2nd call Tender is invited in E-Procurement to execute the work. To participate in E-Procurement and for more information may be obtained in **(http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** website. Last date for Tender Submission is **07-06-2026 at 5.00 PM.** For further extension refer above mentioned website. No separate paper notification will be issued.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Port & Fisheries Division, Udupi

DIPR/ADU/KSMCA/141/26-27 Dt.02.06.2026

SREENIDHI SOUHARDA SAHAKARI BANK NIYAMITHA

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PUBLIC NOTICE - POSSESSION NOTICE
APPENDIX - IV, (See Rule 8(1)) r/w Sec. 13(4)(a)

Smt. Saroja G

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **M/s. Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (Central Act No.54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12), 13(2) of the said Act, read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated: **22.01.2026** calling upon the borrower **Smt.Saroja G,** W/o.Shivanna, No.3, Kanakapura Main Road, Vajarahalli, Talagatta pura, Bovi Colony, Bangalore-560062. demanding to repay the amount of **Rs.22,78,298/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Eight only)** together with Interest and Costs thereon, being the loan amount due by her, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower has failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property mortgaged to the Bank and described in Schedule herein below, together with all rights to transfer by way of Lease, assignment or sale for realizing the above mentioned amount (Secured Asset), in exercise of the powers conferred on his under Section 13(4)(a) of the said Act read with Rule-8 of the said Rules on this **2nd day of June 2026.**

The borrower/s in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of **M/s. Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha** for a sum of **Rs.22,65,800/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand Eight Hundred only) on 02/06/2026** together with interest and costs thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property Western portion of the Site bearing No.3, Gramatana Khatha No.173, situated at Bhovi Colony, Hosahalli, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk. Measuring East to West 20ft and North to South 32 feet totally in all measuring an extent of 640 sqft consisting of Ground, First, Second and Third Floor with Granite and Vertified Flooring and Glazed tile wall cladding, Saal/Flush Doors, PVC Windows, Ventilators and with all civic amenities and bounded on the East by : Remaining portion of same Property belongs to Sri.Channappa, West by : BDA Road, North by : Property belongs to Myakalappa, South by : Property belongs to Ananthappa.

Date : 02.06.2026 **Sd/-**
Place: Bangalore **Authorised Officer**

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ದಿನಾಂಕ: 30.05.2026

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕ.ನೀ.ನಿ.ನಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಕ.ನೀ.ನಿ.ನಿ, ನಂ.3 ಭದ್ರಾ ನಾಲಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಲೇಬೆನ್ನೂರು ಇಂದ ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಿತ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ 4701 ಭದ್ರಾ ಅಡಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಡಿ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಶೇಕಡಾವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) ಮುಖಾಂತರವೇ ದಿನಾಂಕ:02.06.2026 ರಿಂದ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ದಿನಾಂಕ:11.06.2026ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5.25 ಘಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕುರಿತು ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟೀಕರಣಕ್ಕೆ ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರೀ ಬಿಡ್ ಸಭೆಯನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05.06.2026 ರಂದು 12.00 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ ಈ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವಿಳಾಸದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಮತ್ತು ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ/ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 12.06.2026 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 05.30 ಘಂಟೆ.

ಒಟ್ಟು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ :– 4 ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ.ಗಳು

1) KNNL/2025-26/RD/W_INDENT4323/Call-2 ರೂ. 248.95 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು
2) KNNL/2025-26/RD/W_INDENT4325/Call-2 ರೂ. 298.27 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು
3) KNNL/2025-26/RD/W_INDENT4326/Call-2 ರೂ. 449.29 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು
4) KNNL/2025-26/BR/W_INDENT4327/Call-2 ರೂ. 297.79 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು

ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ (ಜಿ.ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಒಳಗೊಂಡಂತೆ)

ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಂದೂಡುವ, ಅಂಗಿಕರೀಸುವ ಅಥವಾ ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಕಾಯ್ದಿರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಅಥವಾ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ವಾಸಾಇ/ಡಿವಿಜಿ/119/
ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2026–27

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಕನೀನಿನಿ,
ನಂ.3, ಭದ್ರಾ ನಾಲಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಲೇಬೆನ್ನೂರು.

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED

(Government of Karnataka Enterprises)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL,
No.4 BRLBC Division, Bhadravathi.

No: EE/KNNL/BDN-4/TA/PB-1/Man power supply/2nd Call Tender Notification No.02/2026-27 Date: 30.05.2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION – Call 2
(Through E-Procurement Portal only)

Percentage Tenders by e-procurement portal in the prescribed form is invited by the undersigned on behalf of Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore from the eligible Contractors. Tender for the works of Head of Account 2701 Bhadra, Gondi & Jambadahalla works. The No. of works is 03. The approximate cost of amount put to tender is **Rs.17.04 lakhs to Rs.141.02 Lakhs**. The amount of EMD is **Rs.42,600/- to Rs.2,12,000/-** (by kpp-portal) contractors can access and submission of completed e-tendering documents from **02.06.2026 to 11.06.2026 upto 17.30 hours** in the website **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Pre Bid meeting will be held on **06.06.2026 @ 11.00 Hrs** at O/o Executive Engineer, No.4 BRLBC Division, Bhadravathi (For Sl No.03). Financial Bid will be opened on **12.06.2026 at 17.31 hours** (For Sl No.01 & 02) Technical Bid will be opened on **12.06.2026 at 17.31 hours** (For Sl No.03). After obtaining approval of technical bid from competent authority, the financial bid will be opened. Stipulated period for the completion of work is 12 Months. For more conditions and details visit website **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** OR at undersigned in all working days during office hours on telephone No. 8660573513.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer. KNNL,
No.4, BRLBC Division, Bhadravathi.

DIPR/SMG/No-03-06/zenkar/2026-27

MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka undertaking)
Corporate Office, "MESCOM BHAVANA", Bejai, Mangalore - 575004
Ph: 0824-2885796 CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425

No: MESCOM/SEE(Proj)/EE(APR)/2026-27/986 Date: 02.06.2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (KPPP Mode Only)

MESCOM invites tenders for the following 11KV deposit contribution works on total turnkey basis vide respective bid enquiry numbers.

Sl. No	Name of the work	Bid Enquiry Nos.
1.	Formation of new 11 kV feeder using 11 kV, 3CX400 Sq.mm double run XLPE UG Cable for the distance of 1.7 kms from 110/33/11 kV Bejai Sub-station to KSRTC Depot at Kuntikana in Mannagudda Sub-division, Mangaluru Division under DCW on Total Turnkey basis.	MESCOM/2026-27/ EL/ WORK_INDENT478
2.	Formation of new 11 kV feeder using 11 kV, 3CX400 Sq. mm double run XLPE UG Cable for the distance of 8.1kms from 110/33/11 kV Konaje Sub-station to KSRTC Depot at Balepuni Village, Mudipu in Konaje Sub-division, Mangaluru Division under DCW on Total Turnkey basis.	MESCOM/2026-27/ EL/ WORK_INDENT479
3.	Formation of new 11kV feeder using 11 kV, 3CX400 Sq. mm double run XLPE UG Cable for the distance of 2.8 kms from 66/11 kV Seegebagi Sub-station to KSRTC Depot at Siddaruda Nagara in City Sub-division, Bhadravathi Division under DCW on Total Turnkey basis.	MESCOM/2026-27/ EL/ WORK_INDENT480

The interested eligible bidders may log on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **03.06.2026.**

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer (Ele) (Projects)

DIPR/DK/KSMCA/307/26-27 dt: 02.06.2026

For Power Related Complaints contact:
MESCOM Helpline: 1912
9483041912 mescom_official mescom_official

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Enterprises)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL, No.1 T.R.Division, Munirabad.

EE/KNNL/No.1 T R Dvn/Mrb/HBHalli/2026-27/Call-2/442 Date: 01/06/2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only through e-procurement system)(Two Cover)

Tenders in Electronic mode on "PERCENTAGE BASIS"are invited, as per KW-3, from eligible contractors registered in the e-Procurement portal of the Public Works Department / KNNL, by the Executive Engineer, KNNL, No.-1 T.R. Division, Munirabad, Koppal District, on behalf of the Managing Director, Karnataka NeeravariNigama Limited (KNNL), Bengaluru, under a Two-Cover System (Cover-I and Cover-II), under Head of Account 4701 pertaining to Head Works Sub-Division, Munirabad, for the following two works, the details of which are given below.

SI No	Name Of Work	TENDER DOCUM -ENT	Amount Put To Tender (Rs.In Lakh)	Contractor Grade	Closing Date	Opening Date
1	Reconstruction and Repairs to Pipe outlet, gates, canal crossing bridge, aqueduct, canal drop and under tunnel structure of right and left bank canal of HBP, Hagaribommanahallitaluk.	KW-3	84.58	KPWD CLASS-III & ABOVE	29/06/2026 @ 4:00 pm	30/06/2026 @ 4:30 pm

The Pre bid meeting will be heldat Chief Engineer, KNNL, ICZ Munirabd office, on **15/06/2026** at 11.00 A.M. For more information visitweb site at (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) & contact undersigned office in all working days during office hours and also via email:trdmrb@gmail.com.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
KNNL No.1 T.R.Division, Munirabad

DIPR/Koppal/129/KSMCA/2026-27

Uttar Pradesh Medical Supplies Corporation Limited

(CIN: U85310UP2018SGC102425) (A Government of Uttar Pradesh Undertaking)
Address: SUDA Bhawan, 7/23, Sector-7, Gomati Nagar Extension, Lucknow

Advertisement No:- UPMSCL/04/HR/2026-27/227 Dated: 01/06/2026

Uttar Pradesh Medical Supplies Corporation Limited invites application for the following positions on Deputation/ Contractual:

Sr. No.	Desig-nation	Maximum Age Limit (In year)	Vaca-ncy	Categ-ory	Mode of Recruit-ment	Honoraria in INR (Monthly)	Essential Qualification	Desirable Qualification	Post Qualification experience
1	General Manager (AHL)	45	01	UR	Deputation/ Contractual	(78,800-1,40,000) Pay Level - 12 (in case of Deputation)	Applicant must have MBA degree in Human Resources from recognized Institution/University	Degree in Law from recognized Institution/ University	Applicant must have minimum 8 year's Overall experience with at least 3 years of supervisory experience
2	Manager (Legal)	45	01	UR	Deputation/ Contractual	(56,100-80,000) Pay Level -10 (in case of Deputation)	Applicant must have Bachelor Degree in Law (LLB) from UGC recognized Indian University	Applicant have master degree in law (LLM) from UGC recognized Indian University	Applicant must have 5 year's work experience as a full time Manager Legal in any Company (Govt. Private)
3	Pharmaci st (Drug Procurem entl)	45	01	SC	Deputation/ Contractual	(47,600-50,000) Pay Matrix -8 (in case of Deputation)	Applicant must have full time B.Pharma degree or graduate in Science (Chemistry/Bio-Chemistry) discipline from a recognized University/institution	Applicants with M.Pharma degree will be preferred	Applicant must have 01 year overall experience, of which at least six months experience must be in drug procurement drug logistics or drug supply chain

* Interested Candidates must send their application form in the prescribed format along with self attested relevant document by speed post/registered AD from Indian Postal Department by mentioning on the envelop " Application for the (Post Name)" to I/C GM (AHL), SUDA Bhawan 7/23 sector -7 Gomti nagar extension, Lucknow PIN:226002. Applications sent by any other mode shall not be entertained. Submission of Application Starts from June 02, 2026. * The Last Date of Submission of Application is July 01, 2026 at 06:00 PM.* Regular government (Department/Corporations/Institutions) employees with suitable experience on seniority (matrix level) are encouraged to apply on deputation. * Vacancies shall be subject to the State reservation policy of Uttar Pradesh. * Age relaxation shall be provided as per the State reservation policy. Candidate applying on Deputation shall be in accordance with Govt. of UP Service Norms. * Please note that last date of application form shall be taken as a reference date for computing age, qualification, experience etc. Application not received on prescribed format will be rejected. Application format may be download from the website:- www.upmsc.in

For vacancy notification and other related detailed information please visit www.upmsc.in

Department of Medical Health & Family Welfare, Uttar Pradesh

ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಸಿವಿಲ್ ವಿಭಾಗ,
ಸಯ್ಯಾಜಿರಾವ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು, ಇ–ಮೇಲ್– eeemccmys@gmail.com

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಮೈನಪಾ/ಕಾ.ಇಂ(ಪೂ&ಪ)/ಸಾ.ಟೆಂ.ಪ್ರ–06/2026–27 ದ

BU declines 100 acres of land for Olympic centre

The Union Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports had requested State govt. to allot unutilised land adjacent to BU and adjoining the existing Sports Authority of India, Netaji Subhash Southern Centre

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

Bangalore University (BU) has turned down the demand for a 100-acre plot of land on the Jnanabharati Campus for the premier Olympic Training Centre, proposed by the Union government to train athletes for Olympic games.

The Union Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports had requested the State government to allot unutilised land adjacent to the university and adjoining the existing Sports Authority of India (SAI), Netaji Subhash Southern Centre (NSSC).

"About 81 acres of land was given to the SAI, NSSC on the Jnanabharati campus in 1974. Additional 100 acres of land is not available for the proposed Olympic Training Centre at one place. Therefore, we have rejected the request of the Union government," said Jayakara S.M., Vice-Chancellor, Bangalore University. The SAI NSSC Bengaluru, established on April 13, 1974, is presently located on the Jnanabharathi campus of Bangalore University. Situated in over an area of 81.2 acres, the centre serves as the Regional Headquarters for Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana, implementing sports promotional schemes of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, including Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), Khelo India, and National Centre of Excellence (NCOE).

The SAI NSSC Bengaluru hosts nearly 300 elite Indian team athletes participating in National Coaching Camps across disciplines such as hockey, athletics, table tennis, volleyball, kabaddi, water polo and others. K. MURALI KUMAR

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>
> **JAYAKARA S.M.**
> Vice-Chancellor, Bangalore University

At present, the SAI NSSC Bengaluru hosts nearly 300 elite Indian team athletes participating in National Coaching Camps (NCCs) across disciplines such as hockey, athletics, table tennis, volleyball, kabaddi, water polo, etc,. These camps play a crucial role in preparing India's national teams for major international competitions, including the Olympic Games, Asian Games, and Commonwealth Games. Additionally, about 300 athletes are enrolled in the NCOE, receiving year-round residential training in athletics, hockey, and volleyball under expert coaches and a comprehensive sports science support system. The centre currently houses eight hostels with a total capacity of 1,000 residents and proudly holds a 5-Star FSSAI Certification, making it one of the finest high-performance training environments in India and among the top globally.

Space constraints

However, the centre is constrained by limited land and infrastructure, insufficient for Olympic-level preparation. In contrast, international Olympic Training Centres typically have multiple turfs, pools, tracks, indoor arenas, and specialised recovery and sports science facilities. Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister for Labour & Employment and Youth Affairs & Sports, had written to the State government and requested it to allot 100 acres of unutilised land located adjacent to the Bangalore University boundary and adjoining the existing SAI NSSC premises.

He said the expansion will enable the SAI NSSC Bengaluru to accommodate an additional 400 to 500 national-level athletes, train more coaches and sports science professionals, host international-level camps, and establish a holistic Olympic ecosystem. This, he added, would be "transforming Bengaluru into the epicentre of the nation's Olympic excellence".

The Principal Secretary of the Higher Education Department had instructed the Executive Director of the Karnataka State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) to look into this matter and submit a report. The official, in turn, inspected the land and held discussions with the Vice-Chancellor of the university. The Vice-Chancellor clearly refused to allocate land, explaining that more than 300 acres of land on the campus has already been allocated to various institutions. He said that the land is needed for further extension of the university. "Therefore, we have clearly stated that we would not allocate the land for any reason."

The Jnanabharathi Campus is spread across 1,201 acres, and the government has given parcels of land on lease to various institutes. As per records, 278 acres have been leased out to 26 educational institutions, including National Law School of India University. As many as 34.4 acres of land is illegally occupied and 43.24 acres of land is disputed. Out of the encroached areas, cases are pending in courts regarding 19 acres.

West and South Corporations convene SIR meetings

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru West and South Corporations convened a meeting on Tuesday regarding Special Intensive Revision (SIR) and directed booth-level officers and other officials to ensure door-to-door visits and verification.

The Commissioners of the corporations have directed the officials to add eligible new voters to the electoral rolls, remove duplicates, shifted, deceased, and otherwise ineligible voters from the rolls, and also distribute prescribed forms for correction of erroneous details and collect completed applications during the visits.

To ensure transparency and accuracy throughout the process, the civic bodies have allowed members of the political parties to actively participate in the survey process by appointing Booth Level Agents (BLAs), who may work alongside the officials during the exercise.

The Hindu Huddle on Campus at Amity University today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In an era dominated by constant notifications, endless scrolling, and shrinking attention spans, meaningful conversations have never been more important.

Recognising the need to create spaces for dialogue, debate, and critical thinking among the youth, *The Hindu* is bringing its flagship youth engagement platform- *The Hindu* Huddle on Campus- to Amity University, Bengaluru on Wednesday.

As a precursor to *The Hindu* Huddle, the acclaimed thought leadership conclave of *The Hindu*, the 'Huddle on Campus' series is designed to engage young minds through powerful discussions on issues shaping society, education, politics, technology, and mental health.

The upcoming edition at the Amity University will focus on the timely and relevant theme: "Do platforms like Instagram and TikTok harm students' mental health more than they help?" The session aims to create an open floor for students to reflect on how platforms such as Instagram and TikTok influence self-esteem, emotional well-being, social interactions, productivity, and overall mental health, while also examining the opportunities they create for learning, creativity, and community building.

The event will bring together students for an engaging exchange of ideas and perspectives. The conversations at the 'Huddle on Campus' will also serve as a gateway to the flagship two-day *The Hindu* Huddle conclave scheduled to take place in Bengaluru on June 5 and 6.

Outstanding and highly engaging students from the campus edition will get an opportunity to showcase their ideas, perspectives, and talent at the main Huddle platform alongside some of the country's leading thinkers, policymakers, and industry leaders.

The initiative is presented by Sami-Sabinsa Group as the Presenting Partner. The event is co-powered by the Government of Telangana, and being held in association with Khaja Bandanawaz University.

The event is further supported by Larsen & Toubro, Associate Partner; Apollo Hospitals, Associate Partner; IIM Sirmaur, Associate Partner; TAFE, Associate Partner; Wizzmoni, Associate Partner; Uttarakhand Government, Associate Partner; Casagrand, -Realty Partner; Amity University Bengaluru, University Partner; Harrow International School Bengaluru, Education Partner.

BMRCL to induct two more trains on Yellow Line from today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Nearly 10 months after the Yellow Line was opened to the public in August 2025, and amid the gradual induction of rolling stock, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) will induct two additional trainsets from Wednesday.

The move will increase the total number of trains operating on the corridor to 10. The Yellow Line connects R.V. Road and Bommasandra and has witnessed growing ridership since its launch. However, the pace of train induction has remained slow, resulting in overcrowded trains and inconvenience to commuters on the corridor.

In a release on Tuesday, the BMRCL stated that the induction of the additional trainsets would enable more frequent services, particularly during peak hours when passenger demand is high.

With the revised schedule, trains on the Yellow Line will run at seven-minute intervals during peak hours on weekdays, an improvement from the current nine-minute frequency. During non-peak hours from Monday to Friday, trains will operate every 10 minutes instead of the existing 14-minute interval.

For weekend commuters, the BMRCL has announced that trains would run at a uniform frequency of 10 minutes throughout Saturdays and Sundays.

The BMRCL clarified that there would be no change in the timings of the first and last trains departing from the terminal stations of R.V. Road and Bommasandra. The existing operating hours will continue to remain in force throughout the week.

The revised schedule will come into effect from Wednesday.

The ninth and tenth trainsets were dispatched from Kolkata-based Titagarh Rail Systems Limited in late April and early May. Following their arrival in Bengaluru, the trains underwent a 20-day testing and commissioning process before being cleared, officials said.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No:CGM(Tech)/DGM(PROC &APCC)/EE-Proc/AEE-1/2026-27/1300-320 **Date:02.06.2026**

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

KPTCL invites Bids (on percentage rate basis) on electronic mode for the following works in a **Combined Package** against following Enquiry Numbers:

Enquiry Numbers and Name of the Works

1. KPTCL/2026-27/SS/WORK_INDENT3804

Combined Package for,
Work-A : Augmentation of existing 1x20MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformer-1 by 1x31.5MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformer at 66/11kV **Yellarbande** sub-station in Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District.
Work-B : Augmentation of 1x20MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformer by 1x31.5MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformer and providing additional 1x31.5MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformer at 66/11kV **Rajankunte** sub-station in Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District.
Work-C : Augmentation of existing 2x20MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformers by 2x31.5MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformers and providing additional 1x31.5MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformer at 66/11kV **Vidyanagar** sub-station in Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District.
Work-D : Augmentation of 2x12.5MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformers by 2x31.5MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformers and providing additional 1x31.5MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformer at 220/66/11kV **Ekarajapura** sub-station in Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.
Work-E : Augmentation of 2x20MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformers by 2x31.5MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformers at 220/66/11kV **BIAL Begur** sub-station in Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District.
On **Partial Turnkey Basis** (Excluding supply of 11kV Switchgear)
Date of availability of bids in KPP Portal is on or after **04.06.2026.**
Last date & time for receipt of Bids is **06.07.2026@15:00hrs**

2. KPTCL/2026-27/SS/WORK_INDENT3805

Combined Package for,
Work-A: Augmentation of existing 2x20MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformers by 2x31.5MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformers at 66/11kV **Pillagumpa** sub-station in Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.
Work-B: Augmentation of existing 2x20MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformers by 2x31.5MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformers at 66/11kV **Budigere** sub-station in Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.
Work-C: Augmentation of existing 2x20MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformers by 2x31.5MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformers at 220/66/11kV **KIADB Doddaballapura** sub-station in Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.
on **Total Turnkey Basis.**
Date of availability of bids in KPP Portal is on or after **05.06.2026.**
Last date & time for receipt of Bids is **07.07.2026@15:00hrs**

3. KPTCL/2026-27/SS/WORK_INDENT3806

Combined Package for,
Work-A: Augmentation of existing 1x20MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformer by 1x31.5MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformer at 66/11kV **South City** sub-station in Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District.
Work-B: Augmentation of existing 1x12.5MVA & 1x20MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformers by 2x31.5MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformers at 66/11kV **Shobha City** sub-station in Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District.
Work-C: Augmentation of existing 1x20MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformer by 1x31.5 MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformer at 66/11kV **Telecom Layout** sub-station in Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District
on **Total Turnkey Basis.**
Date of availability of bids in KPP Portal is on or after **06.06.2026.**
Last date & time for receipt of Bids is **08.07.2026@15:00hrs.**

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Bengaluru Today
32°C The weather will be little warm. Spell of moderate to heavy rain and thundershower with gusty winds to occur. Night will be comfortable.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
33°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be warm. Night also will be pleasant. Chances of light rain and thundershower.

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Former MLC Dayananda Reddy kidnapped at gunpoint, released after extortion bid in Attibele

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Former Karnataka Legislative Council Member Dayananda Reddy was allegedly kidnapped at gunpoint and held hostage for several hours by a gang that demanded crores of rupees before releasing him near Anekal on the outskirts of Bengaluru, police said on Tuesday.

According to a complaint filed at the Attibele Police Station, the incident occurred around 12.15 a.m. on Tuesday when Mr. Reddy was returning home with his driver after finishing work at the Gold Coin Club, of which he is the president. The complainant stated that near Heelalige village, two men on a motorcycle intercepted his car and claimed they had brought a gift for him. When the vehicle doors were unlocked, one of the men entered the rear seat while another occupied the front passenger seat and allegedly threatened the occupants with a gun.

A red-coloured car carrying two more men soon joined them. The gang then allegedly forced the driver to move to the backseat and drove the vehicle through Bommasandra towards Attibele before taking Mr. Reddy to an isolated stretch near the KHB Layout in Jigala village.

During the ordeal, the accused allegedly held a gun to Mr. Reddy's neck and claimed that they had received a contract worth ₹10 crore to eliminate him. The former legislator reportedly pleaded for his life and offered to pay money.

Negotiations

Initially, the gang allegedly demanded ₹3 crore from him. After negotiations, they reportedly agreed to accept ₹2 crore.

Mr. Reddy informed the kidnappers that he did not have the money immediately and that he would be able to withdraw it only after the banks opened later in the morning. The accused then allegedly provided a mobile phone number and instructed him to contact them after arranging the money. Before leaving, one of them identified himself as "Praveen". Mr. Reddy also told police that he noticed a Kerala-registered red car at the spot.

Confined

The gang allegedly kept Mr. Reddy confined until around 4.45 a.m. before releasing him. After reaching safety, Mr. Reddy informed his family members and approached the Attibele Police Station to lodge a complaint.

Based on the complaint, the police have registered a case of kidnapping, criminal intimidation, and extortion. Efforts are under way to identify and apprehend the accused.

Review

BENGALURU: N. Chandrasekaran, chairman, Tata Sons, on Tuesday visited the upcoming Defence Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) site near the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA).

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Tender No.: RWFPCEEELTD2026-2702 **Dtd:** 15.05.2026. **Name of the Work:** Development of online monitoring and control of electrical assets with NIYANTRAC at RWF. **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 45,52,334/-. **EMD:** Rs. 91,100/-. **Date of Closing of Tenders:** 15.06.2026 at 11:00 Hrs.

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Tender No.: RWFPCEEELTD2026-27-03 **Dtd:** 27.05.2026. **Name of the Work:** Electrical improvement works in West and East Colony at RWF using Solar Energy installations. **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 2,17,29,071/-. **EMD:** Rs. 4,34,600/-. **Date of Closing of Tenders:** 18.06.2026 at 15:00 Hrs.
The above Tender details can be viewed on our website **www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in**
Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer

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Can CBSE's marking system be reformed for transparency and credibility?

Portal glitches, blurred scans, and evaluation anomalies exposed weaknesses in the rollout of the OSM system. Robust SOPs, secure digital infrastructure, and free access to answer scripts can help restore accountability and public trust in the evaluation process

Rajeev Kumar

Evaluation is a crucial component of the Teaching–Learning–Evaluation framework since it directly influences students' academic progression. PTI

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), responding to long-standing demands for greater transparency in evaluation, introduced the on-screen marking (OSM) system to standardise answer-script assessment through digital technology. Under this framework, answer books are scanned into secure digital files and evaluated online through a cyber-secure platform enabling digital monitoring, random allocation of scripts, centralised moderation, and automated verification checks.

The initiative sought to improve transparency, accuracy, confidentiality, and uniformity in marking. However, it soon faced controversies over server failures, portal glitches, blurred or incomplete scanned scripts, unchecked responses, inconsistent step-marking, evaluation discrepancies, payment gateway issues, and concerns about the reliability and verifiability of the digital evaluation process.

Ironically, a system introduced to eliminate evaluation irregularities itself came under scrutiny for procedural, academic, and technological lapses. It also raises a fundamental question: why should students be charged to access and verify answer scripts that are largely their own intellectual work and have already been digitised as part of the evaluation process?

The evaluation system

Evaluation remains the most consequential component of the Teaching-Learning-Evaluation (TLE) framework because it directly influences students' academic progression, college admissions, scholarships, and career opportunities, particularly for Class XII students. After years of preparation and intense competition, students have a legitimate right to know how their answers were assessed, how step-marking was applied, and where marks were deducted.

Unlike multiple-choice-question (MCQ)-based examinations, where evaluation through optical mark recognition (OMR) sheets and answer keys is objective and machine-verifiable, descriptive examinations involve subjective assessment across multiple steps, methods, and interpretations. Different evaluators may award different marks for the same answer depending on reasoning, presentation, or methodology.

Given the massive scale of Board examinations involving millions of answer scripts, maintaining consistency in descriptive evaluation remains a major academic and technological challenge.

OSM rollout and challenges

CBSE's OSM system marked a significant shift from the conventional pen-and-paper (PnP) evaluation to digital assessment of scanned answer scripts. The system was expected to improve transparency, enable standardisation and centralised monitoring, and reduce manual evaluation errors. However, the rollout reportedly suffered from hurried implementation, weak digital infrastructure, poor-quality scanning systems, limited examiner training, and inadequate operational protocols. Complaints soon emerged.

The experience highlighted that digital evaluation is not merely a software transition but a complex academic and technological ecosystem that requires robust SOPs, secure infrastructure, examiner preparedness, audit mechanisms, and strong cybersecurity safeguards to ensure transparency, consistency, and accountability.

Scope for reforms in the OSM system

The Digital OSM framework should provide scanned answer books to all students free of cost, since scripts are already digitised before evaluation. CBSE should securely deliver encrypted digital copies within a fixed timeline through authenticated portals, email, or secure mobile platforms. Such a framework would make evaluation more transparent, traceable, scalable, and verifiable while reducing server congestion, manual intervention, and access-related disputes. The proposed system would, however, require a set of clearly defined standard operating procedures (SOP).

The CBSE should establish high-resolution scanning systems, encrypted archival and backup facilities, high-capacity cloud servers, and strong cybersecurity safeguards against unauthorised access or data manipulation. The complete workflow – including scanning, indexing, storage, evaluator access, digital delivery, and audit logging – should undergo repeated pilot testing and full-load simulations through local and pre-board examinations before nationwide rollout.

Evaluators, moderators, scanning staff, and administrators should undergo structured training in digital evaluation procedures, screen-based moderation, stepwise marking, and handling of scanned scripts. Students should use only black pens and standardised answer-writing formats to ensure clear scanning and readability of answer books and supplementary sheets.

Detailed subject-wise marking schemes, including step-marks and acceptable alternative methods, should be released within a week after the examinations. A short expert feedback window should be provided before Chief Examiners finalise marking schemes. This would help reduce ambiguities, improve standardisation, and minimise arbitrary variations in marking.

Additionally, within two to three weeks after examinations, encrypted digital answer scripts should be securely delivered to students and parents through authenticated portals, email, or registered mobile applications integrated with secure cloud and messaging APIs. Students or parents should confirm within 24 hours of receipt that the scripts are complete, readable, correctly indexed, and genuinely their own, including all supplementary sheets.

The evaluation should begin only after script verification is completed. Examiners must assess scripts strictly in accordance with approved stepwise marking schemes. Additional digital oversight tools, such as audit trails, online moderation, automated totaling checks, anomaly-detection systems, and random quality audits, should continuously monitor consistency, completeness, and adherence to SOPs.

Since students and parents would already possess both their answer scripts and official marking schemes, they can independently estimate their likely scores before the declaration of results. Significant deviations between self-estimated and officially awarded marks would help identify possible evaluation anomalies and enable targeted review or moderation.

Finally, re-checking and re-evaluation should continue as a safeguard mechanism with defined timelines and digital tracking. However, with the proposed SOPs already ensuring verified scripts and standardised marking schemes, grievances are expected to reduce substantially.

Such a framework would significantly strengthen transparency, accountability, and public trust in the evaluation process.

The way forward

A reliable Digital OSM system requires robust scanning infrastructure, secure archival systems, high-capacity servers, and strong cybersecurity safeguards. Given the scale of the CBSE examinations, repeated full-load testing and pilot runs are essential before nationwide implementation.

Structured training for examiners and scanning staff, along with standardised, stepwise marking schemes and disciplined digital evaluation protocols, are necessary to avoid blurred scans, unchecked answers, and inconsistent marking. With well-defined SOPs and secure implementation, digital OSM can improve the credibility, consistency, and accountability of large-scale examination evaluation in India.

Importantly, the same framework can be implemented even now, making the current crisis largely reversible within a few weeks at most. By proactively sharing scanned answer scripts with all students, enabling verification of script completeness and authenticity, ensuring transparent matching of awarded marks against approved marking schemes, and correcting evaluations where the prescribed marking scheme has not been properly followed, the CBSE can quickly restore confidence in the OSM process and regain much of the credibility lost during the rollout.

(Rajeev Kumar is a former Computer Science Professor at IIT Kharagpur, IIT Kanpur, BITS Pilani, and JNU, and a former scientist at DRDO and DST.)

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

S. Upendran

"Hi, come on in! Haven't seen you in a while."

"I was busy with my exams. What have you been up to? Good God, what's all this mess?"

"Just rearranging some of the stuff. Do you think you could...."

"....I smell Sujatha's perfume. Was she here by any chance?"

"That's some nose you have. Yes, she came in at about ten this morning and parked herself on that stool over there."

"Parked herself? What do you think she is? A car?"

"Even people park themselves, you know."

"Really?"

"When someone parks himself somewhere, he sits or stands in one particular place for a long time. He stays put in that place for quite some time."

'But won't other people find this inconvenient? I mean...."

"....yes, they will. But when you 'park yourself somewhere' you generally don't worry about such things. Here's an example. Anand and Karthik parked themselves on the sofa and remained there all morning."

"Some of the demonstrators parked themselves in the hotel lobby and refused to budge. How does that sound?"

"Sounds great. The donkeys and cows parked themselves on the road and ..."

"....so this expression can be used with animals as well?"

"It can not only be used with animals, but also with things. Many of the students I know park their chewing gum under the table."

"I hate it when people do that. Last night Gopa came over to our place and parked his notebooks on my study table."

"Did you ask for them?"

"Of course not! He said that he would come back for them tomorrow."

"I see. Prema parked her suitcases in the front room and vanished. She returned in the evening after having met her friends."

"Can one use this expression in formal contexts?"

"The expression is normally used in informal contexts alone. Usually with people you know fairly well."

"I think I'll park myself on the sofa."

"Oh, no you're not! I don't want you to park yourself anywhere. I need your help in carrying these boxes to the..."

"....sorry. I won't be able to help today."

"What's wrong? Feeling under par?"

"Under what?"

"Under par! When you say that you are feeling under par or below par, it means you are not feeling well. You don't have the energy level that you normally do."

"I see. The Chairman cancelled the meeting because he was feeling below par."

'That's a good example. She had viral fever last week. She feels under par even today."

"Doesn't the expression 'off colour' mean the same thing as 'below par'?"

"That's right. When you say that somebody looked off colour, it means that he/she was not in good health. For example, you..."

"....let me try. The young man looks a little off colour today. I wonder what's wrong."

"Very good. The Chairman has been off colour for the past two or three days."

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Word of the day

Renegade:
someone who rebels and becomes an outlaw

Synonyms: apostate, deserter

Usage: *The renegade legislator voted against the party whip.*

Pronunciation:
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International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈɹɛ.nəˌgeɪd/

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

When world leaders take centre stage, theatrics are never far behind. A quiz on the quirky, chaotic and rhetoric-driven world of United Nations speeches

Mohammed Hidhayat

QUESTION 1

When Fidel Castro took the UN General Assembly rostrum in 1960, the Cuban leader spoke for over four hours. Which Indian diplomat's speech at the Security Council across three meetings over two days in 1957 lasted more than eight hours?

QUESTION 2

"Yesterday, the devil came here — right here. And it smells of sulphur still today." Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez made this remark from the UN stage in 2006. Who was he referring to?

QUESTION 3

In February 2003, a tapestry reproduction of the anti-war mural "Guernica", displayed outside the UN Security Council chamber, was covered shortly before U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell made the case for invading Iraq. Which Spanish artist painted the original 1937 masterpiece?

QUESTION 4

"I have come with a freedom fighter's gun in one hand and an olive branch in the other. Do not let the olive branch fall from my hand". Identify the Palestinian leader who made the statement after being invited to address the UN General Assembly in 1974 at the request of the Non-Aligned Movement.

QUESTION 5

"We are not gays", declared this Zimbabwean President during his General Assembly speech in 2015. The leader, who was 91 at the time, was known for his staunchly anti-homosexual stance throughout his decades-long rule.

Identify the Soviet leader in the image. The Premier is alleged to have banged his shoe on his desk during a heated UN discussion in 1960. Historians still debate whether he slammed his shoe repeatedly, merely waved it, or whether later retellings exaggerated the event. AP

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. Apart from Royal Challengers Bengaluru, these two teams have defended their crowns. **Ans: Chennai Super Kings and Mumbai Indians**
2. The only batter to have scored two tons. **Ans: CSK's Sanju Samson**
3. The Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Cricket Stadium and Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium are located in these State capitals. **Ans: Raipur and Hyderabad**
4. A unique factor about Match 38 played on April 26. **Ans: It was the only one to be decided by a Super Over where KKR prevailed over the host LSG**
5.The first player to win back-to-titles with two different teams. **Ans: Krunal Pandya (MI in 2019 & 20) and RCB (25 & 26)**
6. Teenage sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi won these official awards. **Ans: Most Valuable Player (₹15 lakh), Emerging player (₹10 lakh), Super Striker (Tata Sierra SUV) and Super Sixes (₹10 lakh)**
Visual: Name this bowler who was the only one to take five wickets in a match. **Ans: Mohsin Khan (LSG)**
Early birds: Elango P. | Amit Saxena

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Swearing-in ceremony: Elaborate security in place at Lok Bhavan

Given the limited seating capacity at the venue, entry is restricted to invitees; no roadshow associated with the swearing-in

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Elaborate security and traffic management arrangements have been put in place for the swearing-in ceremony of the Chief Minister at Lok Bhavan on Wednesday, with the Bengaluru City Police working in close coordination with the traffic police to ensure smooth conduct of the event and maintain law and order.

City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh said that extensive security measures have been implemented in accordance with the protocol issued by the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (DPAR).

Limited capacity

Given the limited seating capacity at the venue, entry has been restricted strictly to invited guests. Passes have already been issued to VIPs, VVIPs and other categorised invitees, and security deployment has been planned accordingly.

The Commissioner also clarified that there will be no roadshow associated with the swearing-in ceremony.

Senior police officials said additional police platoons and reserve force companies have been deployed across the central parts of the city to ensure comprehensive security coverage. Surveillance arrangements include monitoring through an extensive network of CCTV cameras, LED screens and drones to keep track of crowd movement and any security-related developments in real time.

Installations with photos of Chief Minister-designate D.K. Shivakumar and other Congress leaders, seen on Lok Bhavan Road in Bengaluru on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

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Traffic advisory

Traffic restrictions and diversions will be enforced on select roads surrounding the venue to facilitate the movement of dignitaries and security convoys. On certain stretches, access will be limited to pedestrians during the event as part of the security protocol.

To help manage crowds and enable public viewing of the ceremony, LED screens have been installed at designated locations. Police personnel familiar with the local area, along with specialised VIP security teams, have been deployed at key points. Senior officers will oversee the arrangements and continuously monitor the situation to ensure the swearing-in ceremony is conducted smoothly, safely and without any untoward incidents.

No-fly zone ahead of Rahul Gandhi's visit

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru City Police have declared a temporary no-fly zone around the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) office and Hotel Shangri-La in the city ahead of the visit of Congress leader and Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, on Wednesday.

City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh issued the order under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), prohibiting the operation of drones, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), glider aircraft, small aircraft and non-scheduled aircraft within a one-kilometre radius of the two locations.

Mr. Gandhi is scheduled to attend programmes at the KPCC office and stay at Hotel Shangri-La during his visit to the city. According to the order, the temporary no-fly zone will remain in force during the specified period of the visit. The restriction covers all drone and low-flying aircraft operations within the designated radius around the KPCC office and the hotel.

Major traffic curbs imposed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru Traffic Police have announced extensive traffic restrictions and diversions across the Central Business District (CBD) on Wednesday in view of the swearing-in ceremony of the new Chief Minister of Karnataka, which is scheduled to be held at 4 p.m. at the Glass House in Lok Bhavan.

According to the traffic police, vehicle movement will be prohibited on several key roads between 12 noon and 8 p.m., including stretches of Cubbon Road, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Road, Race Course Road, Queens Road, and roads leading towards Lok Bhavan. Heavy congestion is anticipated in and around the CBD area due to the event, and public gatherings.

Motorists have been advised to use alternative routes through Shivajinagar, Cunningham Road, Nrupathunga Road, Sivananda Junction, and the Outer Ring Road to avoid delays. Special diversions have been planned for vehicles heading towards Kempegowda International Airport and Hebbal from the eastern parts of the city.

Parking will be prohibited on more than 20 major roads, including Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Road, Palace Road, Race Course Road, Queens Road, Kasturba Road, Cubbon Road, and several internal roads within Cubbon Park. Authorities warned that vehicles parked in violation of the restrictions would be towed away.

Designated parking facilities have been earmarked for vehicles with event passes on Vidhana Soudha, Vikas Soudha, Raj Bhavan and Nehru Planetarium premises. Visitors without event passes have been directed to use parking facilities at Kanteerava stadium, UB City, Shivajinagar Bus Stand multi-level parking, Government Arts College, and Palace grounds.

Movement of heavy vehicles across Bengaluru city limits will remain prohibited from 12 noon to 10 p.m. on Wednesday.

Congress party flags installed in front of Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Strict entry guidelines issued for invitees

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

All invitees attending the Chief Minister's oath-taking ceremony at the Glass House in Lok Bhavan on Wednesday have been directed to be seated at the venue by 2 p.m., two hours before the commencement of the event.

The advisory issued by authorities states that only individuals holding valid invitation passes will be allowed entry into Lok Bhavan. Each pass is valid for a single person and is non-transferable.

To ensure smooth movement and security screening, visitors must enter Lok Bhavan through Gopalagowda Circle via Police Thimmaiah Circle. Vehicles without invitations will not be allowed to cross Gopalagowda Circle, while entry beyond Thimmaiah Circle will be restricted to vehicles displaying valid car passes.

Some private schools on Kanakapura road decide to conduct virtual classes

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Following the traffic advisory issued in connection with the swearing-in ceremony of the new Chief Minister, several private schools located along Kanakapura Main Road have decided to hold virtual classes instead of in-person classes, on Wednesday.

Parents received messages from their school managements on Tuesday. "We have received communication from the police regarding traffic regulations and restrictions that will be in effect on Kanakapura Road tomorrow from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m."

"In order to avoid inconvenience to our students and parents, the school will function in the virtual mode for the day. Online classes will be conducted as per the schedule to ensure continuity of learning. Details regarding class timings, and joining instructions will be shared shortly," read the message.

Traffic congestion

D.K. Shivakumar, who will be sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Karnataka, is from Dodda Alahalli, Satanur Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk of Bengaluru South district. Therefore, a large number of people are expected to come from Kanakapura, and there is a possibility of traffic congestion on the Kanakapura-Bengaluru road on Wednesday.

In this context, the Traffic Police Department has issued an advisory. So, schools with a large number of buses and that bring students from far-off locations have resorted to virtual classes.

But other small schools will function as usual. However, the School Education Department has not issued any advisory in this regard.

Video showing wild elephant charging at vehicle goes viral

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

A video clip of a man driving a vehicle close to the Bhadra Tiger Reserve in Chikkamagaluru, provoking wild elephants into charging at his vehicle, has gone viral. The footage has now drawn the attention of Forest Department officials.

The 50-second clip shows the driver pointing at a wild elephant before moving his vehicle dangerously close to it. When the animal charges, he quickly steers away and repeats the act.

Bhadra Tiger Reserve officials tracked down and questioned the driver. The officers understood that the incident occurred on Monday. However, it remains unclear whether the incident occurred within the boundaries of the reserve itself or under the jurisdiction of the adjoining territorial forest division.

When contacted by *The Hindu*, Pulkhit Meena, Deputy Conservator of Forests for the Bhadra Tiger Reserve, stated that an initial probe identified the driver as Aakash. He noted, however, that the vehicle had not come through any of the reserve's official entry points.

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F4	Dy. Project Officer (Civil)	03	01-UR; 01-OBC; 01-ST
F5	Dy. Project Officer (Design)	02	01-UR; 01-OBC
F6	Dy. Project Officer (HR)	02	01-UR; 01-SC
F7	Dy. Project Officer (Safety)	01	01-UR
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2.After successfully submitting the application on-line, take print-outs of the application that is sent to your e-mail, affix your recent passport-size photograph on it, enclose self-attested photocopies of certificates related only to your date of birth, qualifications, experience and national awards, if any, and post it to the following addresses :
a)The Secretary, The Delhi Public School Society, F-Block, East of Kailash, New Delhi-110065.
b)The Secretary, Steel Education Society (SES), Room No. 01, Office of Employee Services, Old Hospital Building, Sector-5, Bhilai – 490006.
c)Last date for submission of applications on-line is 15/06/2026.
d)Last date for receipt of hardcopy of applications at DPSS, New Delhi and SES, Bhilai, is 25/06/2026.
3.The envelope should be superscribed: 'Application for the post of Principal, DPS Bhilai'
4.Incomplete or erroneous applications will be summarily rejected.
5.Please do not enclose any other document (like letters of appreciation, certificates of participation etc) with your application other than those specified above.
Only shortlisted candidates will be called for an interview.

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SUB: CANCELLATION OF RECRUITMENT
Ref: Advertisement No:383/HR/MS/RECT/2025-26 dated 19.01.2026
It is notified for information of all concerned that the recruitment for the post of Deputy Manager for Missile System SBU of Bangalore Cx. vide Newspaper Advertisement (Hindi & English) released on 19.01.2026 and 21.01.2026 in (The Hindu +Dainik Jagran + Nai Duniya) and Website Advertisement No:383/HR/MS/RECT/2025-26 dated 19.01.2026 uploaded on our Company website has been cancelled.
The registration fee submitted by candidates will be refunded on receiving their duly filled in claim form. The detail of claim form is available on website: www.bel-india.in
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INVITATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR
Dr. S.R. RANGANATHAN INTERNSHIP IN BHU LIBRARIES
Banaras Hindu University (BHU) conducts an ambitious Dr. S.R. Ranganathan Internship programme in BHU Libraries, in memory of Dr. S.R. Ranganathan, a doyen in the field of Library Science and who worked as Librarian of Sayaji Rao Gaekwad Library in its formative years. A total number of 12 internships are available under this program for the year 2026-27 intake. The internship program will be of one-year duration, extendable for one more year based on the performance of the intern. The interns will get a monthly stipend of ₹20,000.00. For full details and application format, interested candidates are requested to visit the University website: www.bhu.ac.in The last date to receive the duly filled application forms is June 21, 2026.
Deputy Registrar
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VAAGDEVI
INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH
(Proposed Deemed to be University under Distinct Category under section 3 of the UGC Act,1956)
(Sponsored by Viswambhara Educational Society)
Hunter Road, Rangasai Pet, Khila Warangal (Mandal)
Warangal, Telangana-506005, India
Applications are invited for the post of
VICE-CHANCELLOR
The Honourable Chancellor of Vaagdevi Institute of Science Technology and Research has constituted a Search-cum -Selection Committee to recommend a suitable candidate from amongst experienced and distinguished academicians who meet the qualifications and experience as prescribed in the UGC(Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations,2023 read with the UGC regulations, 2018.
Eligibility: The candidate shall be a distinguished academician with a minimum of ten years of experience as Professor in a University system, or ten years of experience in reputed research and /or academic administrative organization, with proof of having demonstrated academic leadership. The candidate shall possess the highest level of competence, integrity, institutional commitment and proven governance, strategic management & leadership abilities, and shall be visionary in the holistic growth of the Organization. The tenure and age limit and other criteria shall be as per the UGC norms.
Interested candidates are required to email their detailed curriculum along with educational qualifications, experience, research publications, administrative roles, and a digital photograph to recruitment@vaagdevi.edu.in, info@vaagdevi.edu.in on or before 09.06.2026. A hard copy of the application along with supporting documents shall reach to "The Secretary & Correspondent, Viswambhara Educational Society, Bollikunta, Waranagal-506005, Telangana" on or before 10.06.2026 by 5 pm, in an envelope superscribed "Application for the post of Vice-Chancellor Confidential". For further information contact: 6281687733.
Date: 03.06.2026 Sd/-, Secretary and Correspondent

From Page One

Stage set for Shivakumar to take over as Chief Minister today

Congress flags adorn major roads in Bengaluru on Tuesday, on the eve of the swearing-in ceremony of the new Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar. PTI

The Cabinet is expected to be expanded after Rajya Sabha elections. There is no clarity on the Deputy Chief Minister posts yet, sources said.

Among the Congress leaders attending the event include the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, and Congress Chief Ministers V.D. Satheeshan (Kerala), Revanth Reddy (Telangana) and Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu (Himachal Pradesh). A host of religious leaders, students, pourakarmikas, farmers' leaders, Dalit leaders and Kannada activists have also been invited to the event.

The eve of the swearing in saw continued deliberations by the leaders to finalise the list amid hectic lobbying for the post by the legislators in Delhi. Both leaders, who were in Delhi since Monday, left for Bengaluru late on Tuesday night after holding discussions with the central leaders.

Meawhile, posters and buntings were put up by Mr. Shivakumar's supporters across Bengaluru in anticipation of the ceremony. The event at Lok Bhavan itself will be low-key, though Mr. Shivakumar's supporters, particularly in his home town Kanakapura, are expected to hold big celebrations. Traffic restrictions have been put in place in Bengaluru, particularly in the CBD area.

List of Ministers to be sworn in along with DKS to be finalised only today

Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar have been bargaining hard on Cabinet formation, creation of the Deputy Chief Minister's post, setting up of coordination committee, and choice of the KPCC chief

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The much-awaited list of names of leaders to be inducted into the Cabinet, along with D.K. Shivakumar, who will be sworn in on Wednesday evening, is likely to be announced by the Congress central leadership only on Wednesday morning.

Multiple sources indicated that there could be between 10 and 15 Ministers who will be sworn in along with the Chief Minister, though agreement had not been arrived at till late on Tuesday.

Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge with Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, Chief Minister-designate D.K. Shivakumar and caretaker Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in Delhi on Tuesday.

Hectic parleys

While hectic parleys and lobbying that were witnessed in Delhi on Monday continued on Tuesday too, outgoing Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Mr. Shivakumar left Delhi on Tuesday night after giving their preferences in the Cabinet to the central leadership.

The two have been bargaining hard on Cabinet formation, creation of the Deputy Chief Minister's post, and setting up coordination committee, among others, with the top Congress leadership.

Party sources indicated that the central leadership is considering a few, whose names were part of the Cabinet deliberations, for the post of the president of Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee.

The final list is likely to be made available on Wednesday morning after arriving at some consensus, party sources indicated.

The demand of leaders being considered for the post that they should also be given Cabinet berths, is learnt to be a hurdle in announcing the final list of leaders in the Cabinet and the new president for the State unit.

Dy. CM post uncertain

Party leaders were tight-lipped on the creation of the post of Deputy Chief Minister and the number of posts, with Mr. Shivakumar continuing to resist the idea.

"After the swearing-in on Wednesday, the expansion of the Cabinet is likely to be done only after the Rajya Sabha polls. By then the mood of the Cabinet hopefuls could also be gauged. The caste and regional combinations are being worked out with the preferences of both leaders," sources said.

On Tuesday, Mr. Siddaramaiah and Mr. Shivakumar held multiple rounds of meeting with the central leadership, including Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal and general secretary in charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala. Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi met the leaders briefly on Tuesday evening. All the leaders have been having multiple meetings since Monday evening.

Protests held

Meanwhile, protests were held in different parts of the State seeking the Deputy Chief Minister post for Santhosh Lad, K.H. Muniyappa, Priyank Kharge, and Yathindra Siddaramaiah. Protests and meetings pushing for Cabinet berths for Eshwar Khandre, Tanveer Sait, Hampangpowda Badarli and Asif Sait were also held. Followers of Anil Chikkamadu, Shivaraj Tangadagi and Shivalinge Gowda held special prayers and pujas.

Incoming CM thanks Gandhi family for his political rise

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A day before taking oath as the Chief Minister of Karnataka, D.K. Shivakumar on Tuesday expressed his gratitude to the Gandhi family for helping shape his political journey and thanked Congress leaders and MPs Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, and Priyanka Gandhi for placing their faith in him during his stint in the Congress.

On X, Mr. Shivakumar said, "The Gandhi family has played a defining role in my political journey, not merely through leadership but through the faith they placed in me at different stages of my life."

'Profoundly grateful'

Further, he said, "As someone who began as a grassroots worker and has been entrusted today with the responsibility of leading Karnataka, I remain profoundly grateful for their trust and encouragement. Under their leadership and with the blessings of the people of Karnataka, I will continue to work with sincerity and commitment to build a progressive, inclusive and prosperous Karnataka that reflects the values we collectively stand for."

The KPCC president joined the Congress and contested the Assembly elections when Rajiv Gandhi was the Prime Minister in 1985. "I often reflect on Rajiv Gandhi avaru, who saw potential in a young worker even before I could see it in myself. His encouragement gave him the confidence to dream bigger and dedicate himself to public service," Mr. Shivakumar said.

Tihar visit

Recalling Ms. Sonia Gandhi's visit to Tihar Jail in Delhi when Mr. Shivakumar was imprisoned in the alleged money laundering case, he wrote, "Sonia Gandhi *avaru* taught me another important lesson in leadership. True leaders do not stand by you only during moments of success; they stand beside you during your most difficult times."

In the tussle for the top post, Ms. Sonia Gandhi apparently supported Mr. Shivakumar.

The Chief Minister-designate also thanked Mr. Rahul Gandhi and said, "Rahul Gandhi *avaru* has been a constant source of guidance and inspiration. His willingness to listen, his conviction in democratic values, and his vision for a more inclusive and compassionate India continue to motivate leaders like me."

On the Wayanad MP, Mr. Shivakumar said, "Priyanka Gandhi *avaru* has always been approachable, warm, and encouraging."

Khader may resign as Speaker today to join new Cabinet

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

Legislative Assembly Speaker and MLA for Mangaluru U.T. Khader is likely to resign on Wednesday, to join the new Cabinet, according to sources close to Mr. Khader.

Party workers and Mr. Khader's supporters in Mangaluru have been meeting and congratulating him since Monday after hearing that he is likely to be among those to be sworn in as Minister on June 3.

Mr. Khader met former MLC and Dakshina Kannada and Udupi Districts Muslim Central Committee president K.S. Mohammed Masood at the latter's residence in Mangaluru on Tuesday, before leaving for Bengaluru.

Earlier, while speaking to presspersons Mr. Khader said if the Congress wants him to continue as Speaker he will do so. "I will act as per directions of the Congress high command," he said.

Asked about a controversy over an audio tape purportedly related to former Minister B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan, over sabotaging the prospects of the Congress in the by-polls, clearing his (Mr. Khader's) way into the new Cabinet as a representative from the minority community, he said there is no competition between him and Mr. Zameer on becoming Ministers.

Zameer-D.K. Suresh meeting raises eyebrows

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU/HUBBALLI

Amid speculation over a political fallout for former Minister B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan following a viral audio clip, a meeting between him and former MP D.K. Suresh here on Tuesday raised eyebrows.

Meanwhile, Congress leaders from Davangere have sought action against the former Minister.

The two leaders are learnt to have held a closed-door meeting for about an hour leading to speculations. However, sources close to Mr. Ahmed played down the meeting, and said that the two leaders have had similar meetings in the past.

Former Minister B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan during a meeting with D.K. Suresh, ex-MP, in Bengaluru on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The audio clip that surfaced on Monday purportedly featured Mr. Ahmed speaking to expelled Congress leader Mohammed Siraj from Davangere, discussing ways of "sabotaging" the Davangere South bypoll election chances of Congress nominee Samarth Shamanur, who eventually won. However, Mr. Ahmed has called the clip fabricated.

Meanwhile, Congress leaders from Davangere have written to AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi seeking action against Mr. Ahmed.

Former Mayor of Davangere K. Chaman Sab and KPCC general secretary D. Basavaraj are the signatories to the letter which has also been been sent to caretaker Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar, AICC general secretary in charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala and MP Priyanka Gandhi. They said the audio clip had exposed the conspiracy against Congress candidate.

Meanwhile, Mr. Shamanur has said that the clip had revealed a nexus between a few Congress leaders and the BJP and the SDPI and has urged the high command to get the audio clip verified.

Legislature signs MoU to develop e-Vidhan app

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

The two Houses of the State legislature have signed a MoU with National Informatics Centre (NIC) for developing National e-Vidhan application (app) to digitise operations of the Assembly and the Council.

Speaking to presspersons here on Tuesday, Speaker U.T. Khader said the cost of developing e-Vidhan application to cover Assembly proceedings is estimated at ₹78 crore, while the application for the Council is estimated at ₹52 crore.

About 60% of the project cost is set to be covered by the Union government, while the remaining 40% will be borne by the State government. A committee of officials from the two Houses has been formed to oversee development of the e-Vidhan application.

Digitalisation, he said, will ease the way for legislators to ask questions during the sessions.

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1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವಿವರ: 2026–27ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ವಿವಿಧ ಯೋಜನೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಅಧೀನ ಕಛೇರಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ ಸೇವೆ ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಒದಗಿಸುವ ಕುರಿತು. **ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.:** ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಒಟ್ಟು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 12915938/–(ಪ್ರತಿ ಮಾಹೆಗೆ ರೂ. 1076328/–).ಇ.ಎಮ್.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.): 258319/–. ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನಂ: AD/2026-27/SE0551 DATE: 27.05.2026.
ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಸೂಚನೆಗಳು: (1). ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10.06.2026 ರ ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 02.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಇಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ (2). **ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:** 11.06.2026 ರ ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 04.45 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ (3). **ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:** 19.06.2026 (4). ಇ.ಎಮ್.ಡಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪಾವತಿಸುವುದು. (5) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಬಿತ್ತರಿಸಿದೆ. (6). ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿಗಳ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಅಥವಾ ಕಡಿಮೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಜಂಟಿ ಕೃಷಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಯಾದಗಿರಿ ರವರದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. (7). ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅನುಬಂಧಗಳನ್ನು ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಮಾಡುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಜಂಟಿ ಕೃಷಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಯಾದಗಿರಿ ರವರದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.
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Former BJP Tamil Nadu chief K. Annamalai meets Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi on Tuesday. PTI

Annamalai discusses 'future course' with BJP leaders in Delhi

M. Soundariya Preetha
COIMBATORE

Former Tamil Nadu BJP president K. Annamalai, whose supporters feel his potential was not optimally exploited in the party since mid-2025, met with top party leaders, including Union Home Minister Amit Shah, in New Delhi on Tuesday to discuss his future political course.

Two months ago, Mr. Annamalai is learnt to have made his displeasure known to the leadership about the "raw deal" given to the BJP by the AIADMK during the seat-sharing for the Assembly election. With the BJP candidates being defeated in all but one seat, and the changed political climate in the State following the stunning debut of the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam, it was speculated that he was exploring options, including charting out on his own.

On Tuesday, he separately met Mr. Shah, party national president Nitin Nabin and BJP national general secretary (organisation) B.L. Santhosh in Delhi. During the meeting, he is learnt to have briefed them about his assessment of the political scenario and why the BJP's performance was below par in the election. Besides, he is learnt to have broached his future political course.

The party leadership, sources indicated, did not convey any immediate decision on the plans for him but was open to discussing a role for him. Those close to Mr. Annamalai indicated he was also willing to wait for the leadership's decision before taking any other steps.

Mr. Annamalai, a former IPS officer, headed the BJP State unit from July 16, 2021 to April 11, 2025, when Nainar Nagenthran replaced him.

Mr. Annamalai had unsuccessfully contested from Aravakurichi in the 2021 Assembly election and from Coimbatore in the last Lok Sabha polls. He did not contest the recent Assembly election and had identified himself as an "ordinary karyakarta".

CBI files chargesheets in Valmiki corporation scam; names Nagendra

Probe alleges that former Minister was 'at the centre of a meticulously planned conspiracy' to siphon off funds from the Corporation

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

B Nagendra

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has alleged that former Karnataka ST Welfare Minister B. Nagendra was "at the centre of a meticulously planned conspiracy" to siphon funds from the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Limited (KMVSTDCL), with investigators naming him as an accused in all three chargesheets filed on Tuesday in connection with separate corruption and fund diversion cases.

According to the CBI, the conspiracy involved Mr. Nagendra, his close associate Nekkanti Nagaraj, former KMVSTDCL Managing Director Padmanabha J.G., and Hyderabad-based operative Satyanarayana Varma.

Investigators alleged that Mr. Varma, who had previously executed a similar fraud in Chhattisgarh, helped orchestrate the opening of 18 bogus bank accounts using forged registration certificates and fabricated KYC documents.

The probe found that sensitive banking information and specimen signatures of KMVSTDCL officials were shared with the accused and forged seals of the corporation's Managing Director and Accounts Officer were created "to facilitate fraudulent transactions."

Nearly ₹187 crore was pooled into KMVSTDCL's account with Union Bank of India, of which ₹89.63 crore was allegedly diverted through forged cheques and RTGS transactions. The money was then routed through around 600 bank accounts before being converted into cash, gold bullion, and luxury vehicles.

The CBI further alleged that Mr. Nagendra was the beneficiary of a luxury vehicle purchased using diverted funds and that portions of the fraudulent proceeds were received by Mr. Nagaraj and his relatives. Officials of Union Bank of India's M.G. Road branch were also accused of facilitating the transactions in violation of banking norms.

The chargesheets were filed after the CBI completed its investigation into the alleged misappropriation of funds from KMVSTDCL.

The case originated from a complaint lodged by Union Bank of India against three officials of its M.G. Road branch in Bengaluru and other unknown persons. The investigation was monitored by the High Court of Karnataka through regular status reports.

During the course of the probe, investigators uncovered similar frauds involving the State government's ST Welfare Department and the Karnataka German Technical Training Institute (KGTTI). Acting on the CBI's findings, the High Court expanded the scope of the investigation in July 2025 to include the two entities.

In the ST Welfare Department case, the agency found that tenders worth ₹13.95 crore for smart computer labs and roti making machines were awarded to SKR Infrastructure, a Bengaluru-based firm allegedly linked to Mr. Nagaraj. The CBI alleged that Mr. Nagendra received illegal gratification of ₹1.2 crore through Mr. Nagaraj, with the money routed through accounts belonging to the Minister's sister, brother-in-law, personal assistant, and a farmhouse owner in Ballari.

Mr. Nagaraj allegedly received ₹5.72 crore from the contractor and related entities.

'Aadhaar not mandatory for admission to schools'

M.P. Praveen
KOCHI

The Deputy Director of Education (DDE), Ernakulam, has issued a strict directive to Assistant Educational Officers in all 14 education sub-districts across the district to ensure that no student is denied school admission for want of Aadhaar cards.

Any move to prevent their enrolment falls foul of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, which mandates free and compulsory education for all children aged 6 to 14, the order said.

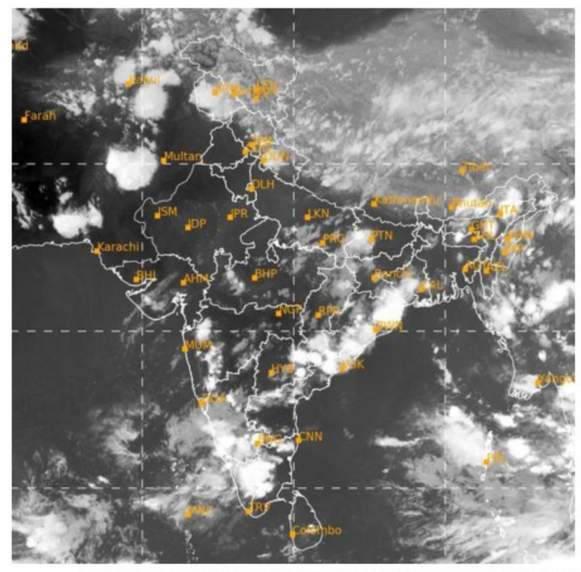
The move comes a day after *The Hindu* reported that around 88 migrant children were denied admission to schools for various reasons, primarily the absence of Aadhaar cards.

The Kochi-based Centre for Migration and Inclusive Development could enrol only 38 out of the 126 migrant children it identified for enrolment during this academic year.

"Apart from the general directive, specific instructions will be issued to schools accused of denying admission to children for not having Aadhaar cards. In addition, details have been sought from schools regarding students enrolled without Aadhaar, so that arrangements can be made to provide them free textbooks," said Subin Paul, DDE, Ernakulam. While students can be enrolled without Aadhaar cards, they would not be eligible for benefits.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.15 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Mahe and Lakshadweep. Hot and humid weather likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, West Bengal, Odisha and Konkan & Goa

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	36.6	26.6	Kurnool	—	40.6	29.2
Ahmedabad	7	37.0	22.7	Lucknow	—	38.8	26.0
Aizawl	6	31.5	22.9	Madurai	—	38.0	25.6
Bengaluru	—	32.2	22.8	Mangaluru	—	33.4	24.8
Bhopal	—	37.0	22.0	Mumbai	—	36.4	28.6
Bhubaneswar	—	38.9	28.0	Mysuru	2	32.2	20.8
Chandigarh	—	38.0	23.2	New Delhi	—	37.7	26.8
Chennai	—	40.1	29.4	Patna	—	39.0	28.6
Coimbatore	—	36.0	24.6	Port Blair	39	28.6	24.9
Dehradun	0.2	35.0	21.0	Prayagraj	—	38.6	26.4
Gangtok	8	25.6	16.3	Puducherry	—	36.3	28.2
Goa	—	35.5	28.0	Pune	—	37.5	27.1
Guwahati	—	35.6	26.9	Raipur	—	40.0	28.0
Hubballi	—	33.0	24.0	Ranchi	—	35.0	22.0
Hyderabad	—	38.5	27.3	Shillong	—	26.4	17.0
Imphal	1	29.1	21.7	Shimla	3	29.2	16.0
Jaipur	—	35.6	24.2	Srinagar	—	30.7	19.2
Kochi	4	29.6	25.4	Thiruvananthapuram	2	32.1	25.8
Kohima	—	26.0	18.0	Tiruchirappalli	—	38.5	27.0
Kolkata	—	36.8	28.9	Vijayawada	—	40.0	28.0
Kozhikode	16	31.4	25.0	Visakhapatnam	—	35.0	27.5

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.69	.44	.47	72	84	
Bengaluru	9	.16	.44	59	141	
Chennai	5	.14	.52	41	53	
Delhi	.30	.28	.39	114	124	
Hyderabad	.15	.14	.36	62	91	
Kolkata	.8	.23	.19	83	100	
Lucknow	.12	.11	.46	90	77	
Mumbai	.29	.6	.14	61	68	
Pune	.—	.23	129	28	72	
Visakhapatnam	.22	.63	.14	66	131	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Sawai Madhopur, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 214 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Nalbari, Assam recorded a healthy AQI score of 23

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

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PUBLIC RELATION DEPARTMENT
Central Office: 763, ANNA SALAI, CHENNAI-600002

Indian Overseas bank (IOB) invites bids for the following:

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BID NO: GEM/2026/B/7608458
DATED 01.06.2026

The Above GEM Tender document is also available and can be downloaded from the following websites **www.iob.bank.in** & **www.gem.gov.in** For Tender details and future amendments, if any, keep referring to the following website **www.gem.gov.in**

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Chennai Division
No. M-TRD-29-I-OT-2026-27-04R Dt.01.06.2026

For and on behalf of the President of India, the Divisional Railway Manager/Traction Distribution Branch, Chennai Division, Southern Railway, Chennai - 3, invites online tender from the experienced Contractors for the following works for further details, please refer to **www.ireps.gov.in**

Sl.No.	Tender No. / Name of the work	Value (Rs.)	Closing date/time
1.	**M-TRD-29-I-OT-2026-27-04R**	5,60,60,845.60	23.06.2026 (15:00 hrs)
	Modification to existing OHE arrangements due to Realignment of curves for increasing speed to 130 kmph in Chennai Division.		

Divisional Railway Manager
Traction Distribution Branch, Chennai Division, Chennai-3

Government of Punjab
OFFICE OF MANAGING DIRECTOR-CUM-DIRECTOR STATE TRANSPORT, PUNBUS, PUNJAB,
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No. 496/IT CLERK-3/PUNBUS **Date: 02/06/2026**

E-NOTICE INVITING BID

Punjab State Bus Stand Management Company (PUNBUS) online E-Tender is invited from the established, reputed and experienced bidders in two bid system (Technical & Commercial) for "Selection of Bidder for Implementation of Online Passenger Reservation System (OPRS) & Online Reservation System (ORS) In PUNBUS/PUNJAB ROADWAYS and PRTC on "Design, Develop, Build, Own, Operate and Transfer (BOOT) Model". Please contact helpdesk No. 0172-2704606

1. Tender Document uploading date: 04.06.2026
2. Payment mode: Online through NEFT/RTGS/IPG/Net Banking
3. Pre-bid meeting: 09-06-2026 at 11:30 AM in the office of MD, PUNBUS
4. Last date and time of queries: 10-06-2026 at 03:00 PM IST (email id: editpunbus@gmail.com)
5. Date of Technical Bid opening: date: 24-06-2026 at 01:00 PM
6. Last date of downloading/uploading (submission) of documents: 24-06-2026 at 12:30 PM

For participating in the above E-Tender, the Bidder shall have to get themselves registered with **http://eproc.punjab.gov.in** and get ID & password. Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering process.

1746/12/2026-27/11868 **Executive Director (IT)**

BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Deputy General Manager-3, BSWML, 1st Floor, GBA Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanthanagar, Bengaluru-560 052.

No. DGM-3/BSWML/PR/129/2026-27 Date: 02.06.2026

Expression of Interest

Expression of Interest for "Procurement of EPR certificates from Greater Bengaluru Authority by Producers, Importers & Brand Owners (PIBOs) as per the Guidelines of Centralized EPR Portal for Plastic Packaging issued by Central Pollution Control Board" Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited intends to trade the EPR Certificates with Greater Bengaluru Authority (Currently 8600 Category-III End of Life Certificates available in wallet) with PIBOs who are:

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(2) Registered in Centralized EPR Portal for Plastic Packaging developed by CPCB.

Interested PIBOs may send their expressions of interest by quoting the value (in INR) in the prescribed format in sealed covers along with the necessary mandatory documents to the office of **The Deputy General Manager-3, BSWML,** Reg. Office: 30/1, 1st and 2nd Floor, Thimmaiah Road, Millers Tank Bund Area, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560051, **within 16:00 hours (04:00 PM) on 15.06.2026.**

The interested applicants may reach the above-mentioned office during working hours or visit BSWML website **www.bswml.karnataka.gov.in** to obtain the prescribed format, annexures, detailed terms and conditions and any other necessary details.

Sd/-
Deputy General Manager-3, BSWML

DIPR/CP/AAA/951/2026-27

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice Advertised E-Tendering No. EPCofET-KNW-7EI-WCR Date: 27/05/2026).

Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer (Project) West Central Railway/Bhopal acting for & On behalf of The President of India invites open e-Tenders. **Tender No :** EPCofET-KNW-7E1-WCR, **Description of Work :** Provision of EI in lieu of existing PI at Surgaon Banjari, Charkheda Khurd, Chhanera, Barud, Dagarkheri, Itarsi-B cabin and Bir stations (7 stations) involving indoor and outdoor signalling and telecommunication work including construction of EI buildings, general lighting, provision of AT, etc. in HDN/HUN routes in ET-KNW section of Bhopal Division, West Central Railway **Approximate Cost of Tender (Rs.) :** 832088586.30, **Earnest Money (Rs.) :** 16641800.00, **Cost of Tender Form (Rs.) :** 0.00, **Completion Period :** 720 Days (Seven hundred and twenty days) including harvest & monsoon period, **Tender closing date & time :** 01/07/2026, 15:00 hrs The tender document all with all information can be viewed at Railway web site http://www.ireps.gov.in. The tenderer/bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate & must be register on IREPS portal. Only registered tenderer/bidders can participate on e-Tendering. All relevant paper must be uploaded at the time of participating in e-Tendering. Information regarding Minimum eligibility criteria MEC (a) & (b) and Bid Capacity can be viewed at web site http://www.ireps.gov.in.

Sd./-
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Property Description: Site No.30, khata No 424, assessment No.44/2, BBMP property No.2522/44/2/30, new PID No. 1170465222, measuring 40ft x 60ft., situated at Srigandakavalu, (Near Gangothri International Public School) Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Jnanabharathi ward No.129, Bangalore North Taluk, Bengaluru bounded on the East by: Site No.31; West by: Site No.29; North by: Site No.35; and South by: Road.

The property is owned by Mr. Sri. Sridhara, S/o. late A.Y. Venkataswamy Reddy aged about 63 years, residing at No.51, 3rd cross, Nambiar Ellegenza Gopasandra village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District.

Any person(s), bank(s), financial institution (s), or authority having any claim, right, title, interest, charge, lien, mortgage, inheritance, litigation, attachment, encumbrance, or any other objection whatsoever concerning the above-mentioned property shall notify the undersigned in writing, together with supporting documents, within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.

If no claim or objection is received within the stipulated period, the proposed purchaser shall proceed with the transaction, and any such claims thereafter shall be deemed to have been waived.

K.G. SIDDALINGEGOWDA, Advocate
No.2, 2nd Floor, Mourya Mansion Building, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009 Mob: 9845764556. Mob: 9845033017, 7676766472.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that our client, **Mr. Darshan Krishnalal Mehta son of Mr. Krishnalal Shantilal Mehta** is the sole and absolute owner of the Residential Apartment bearing No. 2103, bearing Bangalore North City Corporation E-Aasthi **e-PID No. 3217405450,** situated on 21st Floor, Tower - B, measuring 1168.12 Square Feet equivalent to 108.522 Square Meters of super built-up area, with right to use 2 (Two) Car Parking Spaces in the Basement Floor of the Apartment known as **Vario Homes,** together with **283.576 Square Feet** equivalent to 26.345 Square Meters of undivided hare, right, title, interest and ownership in all that piece and parcel of the converted property bearing Municipal Khatha No. 236, Municipal Ward No. 6, carved out of lands in Survey No. 59/4 and 60/14, totally measuring 3 Acres 6 Guntas, situated at Nagavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, he having acquired the same vide the Sale Deed dated 10.02.2026, registered as Document No. KCH-1-00866/2026-27, of Book – I, before the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagara (Kachakanahalli), Bangalore. It is further informed that the original **Agreement for Sale dated 25.07.2023,** registered as Document No. HBB-1-01089/2023-24, of Book – I, before the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagara (Hebbaal), Bangalore, executed in favour of our client, Mr. Darshan Krishnalal Mehta, pertaining to the aforementioned property is misplaced/lost.

The above document has not been mortgaged/pledged as collateral security and our said client is not in a position to trace the said original document. Our client had also lodged complaint on 29.05.2026, bearing **E-Lost Report No. 2227668/2026,** before the Bangalore City police about the aforesaid loss. Persons having or in possession of the aforementioned document or having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within **10 (Ten) days** from the date of this publication, to the undersigned.

K. V. Narendra & Associates,
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No.557, 2nd Floor, 9th A Main, Indiranagar, Bangalore - 560038.
Ph: 9945109229 / 9591067392.

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE
No. 37 to 38-26-27
No. 580-W/12 nos/Type-II/Qtrs/HSR/2026 Dated : 29.05.2026

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1. The applications were initially invited through the portal https://app.gsbihar.online/, with the last date for submission originally notified as 20th June 2026, and the same were widely published in State and National newspapers on 20th May 2026 vide PR no. 003692/26-27 and 003693/26-27
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Changed arrangement

Siddaramaiah gave way to Shivakumar in a tightly managed transition

The most prominent face of the Congress in Karnataka, D.K. Shivakumar, is set to realise his long-held ambition of becoming Chief Minister on June 3. By passing the baton from Karnataka's longest-serving Chief Minister, Siddaramaiah, to Mr. Shivakumar, the Congress appears to have resolved a grievance among his supporters, who believed that he deserved the post when the party returned to power in 2023 after leading its poll campaign as State unit president. Evidently, the Congress national leadership appears to have managed the transition in Karnataka better than it did in Rajasthan and Punjab in 2020-21, where its decisions – retaining Ashok Gehlot despite Sachin Pilot's rebellion (2020) and replacing Amarinder Singh with Charanjit Singh Channi (2021) – failed to yield dividends in the Assembly elections. The Congress high command has also carried out the change of guard in Karnataka with an eye on the 2028 Assembly elections. There are symptoms of anti-incumbency sentiment acquiring more strength. As the Congress has chosen Mr. Shivakumar, a Vokkaliga, to succeed Mr Siddaramaiah, the BJP-Janata Dal (Secular) alliance is likely to face the poll together, as otherwise, the two parties gain little politically. Besides, the JD(S)'s top leaders belong to the Vokkaliga community and Mr. Shivakumar has been engaged in a decades-long contest with them for influence over the community, especially in the Old Mysuru region.

If the Congress and Mr. Shivakumar play their cards well, they could break Karnataka's 35-year record of voting out incumbent governments. Having successfully handled political crises, Mr. Shivakumar should by now have a plan for winning in 2028. He must also carry all sections of the party with him and adopt a consultative approach to major policy decisions. Despite implementing several welfare and populist schemes, Karnataka has maintained fiscal discipline under the Congress government. In the just concluded FY2025-26, revenue deficit, at about ₹19,500 crore, is the lowest among similarly placed southern States. While this offers some consolation, Karnataka's total revenue receipts grew by a modest 6.3%. Reducing stark inter-regional disparities should be a priority. In 2024-25, Bengaluru Urban district contributed about 40% of Karnataka's GSDP, while Dakshina Kannada and Belagavi accounted for 5.3% and 3.9%, respectively. Uneven regional development can be seen in the Human Development Index too – Bengaluru Urban with 0.738, while Yadgir (0.538), Kalaburagi (0.539), and Raichur (0.562) are at the bottom. At a time when States, especially those under non-BJP parties, are facing shrinking fiscal and development space, their Chief Ministers should focus on addressing the chronic issues that affect the underprivileged. Mr. Shivakumar's experience can help him fulfil this responsibility.

Brand value

RCB helped IPL's latest edition build on previous successes

Derided for not matching potential with performance in the past, Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) emphatically put those old ghosts to rest. Having won the Indian Premier League (IPL) title last year, RCB did one better this year, and retained the championship. A commanding display over Gujarat Titans in the final at Ahmedabad's Narendra Modi Stadium on Sunday ensured that RCB joined the likes of Chennai Super Kings (CSK) and Mumbai Indians, teams that have won the title for two consecutive years. Ever since the league's inception in 2008, the Bengaluru squad tended to flourish in spurts and then fade away. Three finals were made too prior to 2025, and in all those summit clashes, RCB choked. Last year, however, a turnaround was effected but as Rajat Patidar's men exulted, the moment turned tragic with 11 fans losing their lives in a stampede outside the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru. In the latest edition, RCB maintained remarkable consistency and while Patidar marshalled his resources, Virat Kohli, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Krunal Pandya and Josh Hazlewood chipped in. Fittingly, Patidar dedicated the triumph to the 11 fans who passed away. Meanwhile, Titans led by Shubman Gill, ran into a stronger outfit in the final and could not cash in on the advantage of playing at their home ground.

Having commenced on March 28, the IPL with 10 teams and 74 matches, had a bloated air and at times viewer interest dipped. The cricket, though, was from the top-drawer of T20 cricket as batters muscled sixes. The leading star was Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, who belied his 15 summers. The Rajasthan Royals' player is one for the future and there is talk of the selectors fast-tracking him into the national squad. Just as Sachin Tendulkar made his international debut at 16, Sooryavanshi too seems set to join that space of young talent pursuing higher glory. For now, a spot in T20I beckons even as the youngster is keen to play Tests too. Just as RCB, Titans, Sunrisers Hyderabad and Rajasthan Royals made it to the play-offs, legacy units such as CSK, Mumbai Indians and Kolkata Knight Riders fell by the wayside. A churn is on the cards and Rishabh Pant has already relinquished his captaincy with the Lucknow Super Giants. India, the reigning T20 champion, has enough talent as was evident through the IPL. The club against country debate too stirred up as England speedster Jofra Archer's IPL contract overlapped with the one that he has with The England and Wales Cricket Board. The IPL is a massive sporting brand but it should not cannibalise traditional cricket.

The 'harvest' China wants is one India cannot afford

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When Luo Zhaohui, then China's Ambassador to India, revived the idea of an "early harvest" in India-China boundary negotiations in 2017, India responded with scepticism. The proposal – to settle the Sikkim boundary in isolation from the three other sectors – was an asymmetric concession dressed up in the language of progress. India has resisted it. There is now a gnawing doubt as to whether it can hold that position. The trigger for this piece is a former border negotiator's concern that India might "stumble" into a damaging course of action under Chinese pressure and driven by the temptation to project contrived progress. Diplomacy that trades long-term strategic interests for short-term optics is self-defeating.

New Delhi must be cautious

The readout issued by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on the 24th round of the Special Representatives' Dialogue on the Boundary Question between India and China (on August 19, 2025) between National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi recorded India's agreement to "set up an Expert Group ... to explore an early harvest in boundary delimitation in the India-China border areas". China's own readout was more pointed: it used the term "demarcation" rather than "delimitation" and spoke of "launching boundary demarcation negotiations in sectors where conditions are ripe."

The MEA press release on the 35th Meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China Border Affairs, held in Beijing on May 27, 2026, mentions that the two sides "discussed issues pertaining to delimitation, border management, mechanism building and cross-border cooperation" and "agreed to work together to make substantive preparation" for the next SRs' meeting. The reference to 'delimitation' is significant as it suggests follow-up discussions on the understanding "to explore Early Harvest in boundary delimitation".

The cornerstone of Special Representative negotiations is the Agreement on Political Parameters and Guiding Principles, signed on April 11, 2005. Article III explicitly envisages "a package settlement" covering all sectors of the India-China boundary. It establishes a three-step process: first political parameters, then a framework for a final settlement, then delineation and demarcation. Demarcation – placing physical markers on the ground – comes last, not first. China's proposal to begin demarcation in a single "ripe" sector inverts this sequence and, in effect, asks India to abandon the package architecture in exchange for the appearance of progress. India should decline.

Why does the package settlement matter so much? Because the four sectors of the India-China boundary are strategically interlinked, requiring give and take across sectors. It also guards against China extracting concessions sector by sector. An early harvest in Sikkim, where India holds comparative geographical advantage, would let Beijing bank a settlement on its preferred terms while leaving the other three sectors unresolved.

Diplomatic optics must not dictate India's boundary negotiations with China

The Sikkim stakes

The Sikkim Sector boundary is not, as sometimes claimed, a simple matter. Clashes at Nathu La and Cho La in 1967, with heavy casualties, showed how sharp these differences are. Article I of the 1890 Great Britain-China Convention identifies "Mount Gipmochi on the Bhutan frontier" as the starting point of the Sikkim-Tibet boundary, but it is preceded by an assertion that the boundary "shall be the crest of the mountain range separating the waters flowing into the Sikkim Teesta and its affluents from the waters flowing into the Tibetan Mochu". China reads the article as placing the trijunction at Gipmochi. India and Bhutan hold that the trijunction lies at Batang La, some 6.5 kilometres to the north, on the watershed – which is the operative geographical principle in Article I.

Zompelri (or Jampheri) Ridge adjoining Geymochen commands a direct view of the Siliguri Corridor, the narrow strip connecting mainland India to its northeastern States. Any settlement implicitly endorsing the Gipmochi trijunction would hand China a legal instrument to press its claim to the very edge of the Himalayas, exposing the Corridor. The Chinese objective is to deepen and widen its Chumbi Valley and increase pressure on India's most acute territorial vulnerability.

The Doklam dimension reinforces this concern. Since 2017, China has systematically consolidated its position in western Bhutan – building roads and military facilities, constructing villages including Pangda on the Amo Chu river, and developing routes to the Jampheri Ridge that bypass the 2017 Doklam standoff site. A Sikkim settlement would immediately be leveraged by Beijing to step up pressure on a vulnerable Bhutan to settle its boundary with China. India and China have agreed that trijunction points must be finalised in trilateral consultation with all countries concerned. Even if the trijunction point is left out, China could force Bhutan to settle the rest of the disputed boundary on its own terms and present India with a *fait accompli* in Doklam.

Since the Eastern Ladakh transgressions of 2020, China has pursued multiple pressure tracks simultaneously: military consolidation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), steady resurrection of the "Zangnan" (South Tibet) narrative to describe Arunachal Pradesh, renaming of places in Arunachal Pradesh, and expansion of "border defence villages" close to India-China LAC.

The resumption of Special Representative talks is welcome, but dialogue must be conducted with strategic clarity, not under diplomatic pressure or for the optics of progress. Three principles should guide India's approach.

First, hold the 2005 Agreement's framework firm. The Expert Group agreed upon in August 2025 must not become a vehicle for an early harvest in Sikkim. Agreeing to "explore" is not a commitment to accept. India should reject a standalone Sikkim delimitation or demarcation exercise.

Second, make peace and tranquillity on the LAC the non-negotiable condition of progress. China has periodically attempted to delink border management from the broader relationship; India has resisted this, and should continue to do so. Unilateral alterations to the LAC cannot be normalised. Indeed, the so-called "buffer zones" in Eastern Ladakh must not be allowed to persist.

Third, press for genuine political engagement on a comprehensive settlement. Decades of talks have shown that the respective narratives cannot be reconciled through legal arguments. The 2005 Agreement recognised this: it called for a political settlement that would "safeguard the vital interests of both countries" and set out principles such as the two sides "safeguard(ing) due interests of their settled populations in the border areas". Any breakthrough requires political will on both sides. India should press for meaningful boundary negotiations, not paper over the lack of progress with working groups. The test of China's seriousness will be whether it is prepared to engage on the framework for a comprehensive settlement – and whether it is prepared to hold the LAC stable while that engagement proceeds. Absent those conditions, the Special Representative process risks becoming what it has sometimes been before: a forum for managing appearances while China improves its position on the ground.

Stay the course

In boundary talks, China has a track-record of cherry-picking and resiling from formal commitments, as it did in the case of an explicit agreement to arrive at a common understanding of the LAC after exchanging maps showing the entire alignment. India must prevent the Agreement On the Political Parameters and Guiding Principles for the Settlement of the India-China Boundary Question from meeting a similar fate. If peace and tranquillity on the LAC is the foundation for rebuilding India-China relations, the 2005 Agreement is the road map for resolving the boundary question. India has nothing to gain from an early harvest limited to Sikkim and must maintain its negotiating space through a comprehensive negotiation. India cannot afford a shortcut to a destination that suits China.

U.S.-Iran negotiations, still a road to nowhere

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For nearly half a century, relations between Iran and the United States have oscillated between overt hostility and crisis management. Periods of confrontation were punctuated by brief diplomatic openings, only to be followed by renewed distrust and, more recently, war and devastation.

In this context the current move towards a memorandum that could lead to an indefinite ceasefire and buy time to address the thornier issues bedevilling their relationship appears to be a significant step. However, even agreeing on a framework to enter into substantive negotiations has been far more difficult than anticipated thanks to vastly different expectations of the two sides.

The cost of conflict

What motivated Washington and Tehran to enter serious negotiations is the high cost in political and economic terms for both of renewed long drawn-out hostilities.

The U.S. attacked Iran in cohort with Israel believing that the damage inflicted by superior military force would compel Tehran to accept fundamental constraints on its nuclear and missile programmes. Iran assumed that strategic resilience, regional networks, and its capacity to threaten energy flows would impose unbearable costs on its adversaries.

Neither side fully obtained its objective. Iran suffered severe damage to parts of its military infrastructure and further economic deterioration. However, it retained sufficient capabilities to continue imposing costs through asymmetric means such as closing the Strait of Hormuz, attacking America's allies in the Gulf and threatening continued instability in the region through its proxies. The danger of a prolonged conflict affecting shipping routes and energy markets created domestic and global pressures on Washington for de-escalation.

There is, therefore, an unusual convergence of interests that has motivated both to look for ways to bring hostilities to an end. Memoranda are easier to sign than peace agreements. They are often signed precisely because they defer tough decisions. However, in this case, even signing a memorandum appears elusive because of the wide gap between the two sides.

A ceasefire may emerge, but lasting U.S.-Iran peace remains elusive

Hurdles to lasting peace

Several obstacles stand in the way of transforming the proposed U.S.-Iran memorandum even if it is signed into a lasting peace agreement. The first concerns mutual distrust. Decades of confrontation have created deep suspicions. Iranian leaders remain convinced that Washington ultimately seeks regime change and will use negotiations as a ruse for launching attacks as it did in June 2025 and February 2026. U.S. President Donald Trump's habit of blowing hot and cold further complicates the problem. American policymakers continue to suspect that Tehran uses negotiations primarily to buy time, preserve its nuclear option, and rebuild its missile and other delivery capabilities.

Second, any agreement will face opposition in both countries. In Washington, critics are already warning against repeating what they consider the perceived weaknesses of the 2015 nuclear agreement. In Tehran, hard-line factions, including many in the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), will portray compromises as surrender under pressure.

The third and perhaps most serious obstacle involves regional actors, especially Israel. Israel has consistently viewed Iran's missile and nuclear capabilities as the greatest threat to its aspiration for regional dominance. Israeli security thinking has historically favoured preventive measures that are designed to ensure that adversaries do not acquire capabilities that threaten its military superiority. In the case of Iran, this concern centres on preserving Israeli monopoly of nuclear weapons in West Asia.

Israel need not oppose peace directly. It may instead seek to shape its terms in ways that make implementation impossible. Israeli military actions, such as its current invasion of Lebanon which has been expanding in scope and inflicting heavy damage, or covert operations, such as killing Iranian nuclear scientists, could potentially disrupt diplomatic momentum and eventually subvert the idea of a peace agreement.

This danger is particularly acute because Israeli and American priorities do not always perfectly coincide. Washington may increasingly value stability and de-escalation, whereas Israel may place greater emphasis on eliminating perceived long-term threats even if it entails derailing a peace agreement between Iran and the U.S. and greater regional instability.

Hardliners in the seat

On the Iranian side, the principal lesson that the regime must have learned from the U.S.-Israeli attack is that nuclear ambiguity does not assure security while nuclear weapons do. The example of North Korea is ample proof of the verity of this conclusion.

Moreover, all indications point to the fact that the centre of power within Iran has shifted decisively in favour of hardliners in the IRGC who will call the shots regardless of the veneer adopted by the regime for tactical purposes.

Tehran may, therefore, engage in long drawn-out negotiations about the nuclear issue but is unlikely to give up the weapons option. The aspiration may lie dormant for a period but is unlikely to disappear. Iran will give up this option only if a nuclear-weapon-free zone is created in West Asia that includes Israel, an eventuality unacceptable to Israel.

In short, while the memorandum may be signed in the coming days, as it is essential to provide Mr. Trump with an off-ramp from an unpopular war, the prospects of it translating into a lasting peace remain minimal. That would require a fundamental change of attitude in both Washington and Tehran. There are no signs that such a transformation is on the cards soon.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A crisis of confidence

A prestigious school education board of India has suddenly found itself in the eye of the storm following the introduction of an 'on-screen marking' system. Change is necessary and inevitable, but implementing reforms without adequate safeguards can be risky. Years of good work can be overshadowed by a single act of neglect. The future of students is at stake, and parents are being subjected to tremendous stress. The doubts cast on the evaluation system could linger in the minds of students for years. The Education Ministry must undertake a thorough review of the system and work diligently to restore the confidence of students and parents.

Balasubramaniam Pavani,
Secunderabad

Fair play needs planning

Congratulations to Royal Challengers Bengaluru on a memorable IPL title triumph. Their consistency and performances throughout the tournament deserve appreciation. At the same time, one cannot help but feel for Gujarat Titans. The team arrived in Ahmedabad late at night before the match and had very little time to recover and prepare. Following the game, they also had to contend with unexpected logistical difficulties and disruptions. While such challenges are part of professional sport, adequate rest and smooth travel arrangements are essential to ensure that teams compete on as level a playing field as possible. As the IPL continues to grow, tournament organisers should consider scheduling and travel-related factors more carefully so that the quality of competition is determined primarily by performance on the field.

Bhavleen Saini,
Mohali, Punjab

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How land pooling solves acquisition woes

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An urban planner advising various State governments on town planning schemes

Rajasthan has recently announced the State's first land pooling scheme. The government is optimistic that the scheme will help with land acquisition and deliver the land needed for roads, infrastructure, and development activities. Other States, too, are either actively thinking of implementing land pooling schemes. While States such as Gujarat and Maharashtra have found success, much will depend on localised innovation and institutional flexibility.

Urban infrastructure projects in India have historically relied on land acquisitions. This process has become increasingly complex and financially burdensome, particularly after the enactment of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. The limitations of land acquisition are both structural and procedural. Even before the 2013 Act, acquisition processes were time-consuming and often contested. Post-2013, the inclusion of rehabilitation and resettlement provisions have further increased financial obligations, making large-scale acquisitions for urban infrastructure increasingly unviable. This has resulted in a growing gap between planned infrastructure and its implementation. Plans are often under-executed due to the inability to mobilise land.

On pooling land

While States have tried different solutions, land pooling mechanisms, especially Town Planning (TP) schemes, have emerged as a viable alternative. In a land pooling model, landowners voluntarily contribute land for infrastructure development and receive a portion of the serviced land in return. This method reduces the need for compulsory acquisition and distributes development benefits among stakeholders.

The TP scheme, widely implemented in Gujarat and Maharashtra, is among the most successful land-pooling models in India. Under this model, landowners voluntarily contribute about 25-40% of their land to provide infrastructure such as roads, parks, public amenities, and housing for economically weaker sections. The remaining land (60-75%) is returned to them as reconstituted plots that are better shaped, serviced, and more valuable. This method integrates land assembly, infrastructure provisions, and cost recovery.

A key strength of the TP scheme is its participatory, people-centric approach. It is also financially self-sustaining, as incremental charges from landowners are recovered during development rather than up front. Compared with land acquisitions, TP schemes reduce displacement, ensure equitable benefit-sharing, and enable faster urban development while preserving environmentally sensitive areas. Recognising its potential, the Government of India has promoted TP schemes since 2019.

Land pooling is, however, not a new idea. For instance, in Gujarat, it was introduced almost 100 years back and formalised under the Gujarat Town Planning and Urban Development Act, 1976. And over time, in Gujarat, more than 1,000 sq. km across Ahmedabad, Surat, Rajkot, Vadodara, and Gandhinagar have been planned through TP schemes.

But unlike Gujarat, Maharashtra failed to update its statutory provisions for enabling TP schemes over time. However, Pune and the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority have recently adopted this model again to provide infrastructure and serviced land in the city's peripheral areas.

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Exemplary model

While other States have tried to implement the model, it has not been easy. For example, in Guwahati, even though the Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority Act, 1985 included provisions for the preparation and implementation of development schemes, it lacked clarity on critical aspects, including the percentages for land appropriation and institutional roles. An equally significant challenge was the absence of digitised land records; land records in Guwahati were maintained manually. Additionally, discrepancies were observed between revenue records and ground conditions.

To address this, rather than conducting time-consuming joint measurement surveys, the existing map was retained as is, and final plot allocations were based on the land areas specified in the revenue records. This significantly reduced the time required to prepare the scheme. Reducing landowners' contribution was another key decision to make the scheme more acceptable. Private landowners were asked to contribute only 12-15% of their land, compared with the usual 35-45%. This was primarily used for road infrastructure.

In Rajasthan, land pooling had already been recognised in statutory provisions since 2016. However, they were handicapped by a lack of experience. Now, modifications are being made to the land-value calculations in the State to ensure that the financial burden on landowners remains manageable. The government has absorbed a portion of the cost, making the scheme more equitable and attractive.

States that are just about to venture into land pooling, such as Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, and Delhi, also have to go beyond conventional approaches. Their challenge is to first convince landholders, communicate the benefits, and contextualise the approaches. Particularly, factors such as legislation on land-pooling requirements, adjusted land-contribution mechanisms, and equitable financial models will collectively determine the success of TP schemes.

Need to strengthen existing health facilities

The famed public healthcare model of Kerala is under tremendous stress

STATE OF PLAY

K. S. Sudhi

The newly sworn-in United Democratic Front (UDF) government in Kerala has announced its intention of setting up two more medical colleges in the State, one in Thiruvananthapuram, which already has a medical college, and another one in Haripad, in Alappuzha.

UDF leaders view the second medical college project in Thiruvananthapuram, which was originally launched during the tenure of Congress Chief Minister Oommen Chandy, as a prestige issue as the subsequent governments of the Left Democratic Front (LDF) shot the plan down for political reasons. The Congress, which is back in power in the State after a decade, is bent on resurrecting its lost dream, which it believes would increase its public appeal and political stake in the capital city. K. Muraleedharan, the State Health Minister, has made it clear that nothing could prevent the UDF government from creating two more such institutions.

Those who argue for the two medical colleges say that there is little scope for expanding the facilities at the existing Thiruvananthapuram and Alappuzha colleges. The government is toying with the idea of converting existing hospitals into tertiary care and research centres, they say.

Interestingly, the second medical college in Thiruvananthapuram, which would be set up by developing the General Hospital, is located in the Vattiyoorkavu Assembly constituency, which is represented by Mr. Muraleedharan. Similarly, Harippad, the seat of the proposed second medical college, is represented by Home Minister Ramesh Chennithala, the second-in-command in the State cabinet.

Like in Thiruvananthapuram, the proposed medical college in Harippad could well be considered as the second such institution in the coastal district of Alappuzha, as the first one is functioning at Vandanam, located almost an hour away from the constituency of the Home Minister.

Desperate conditions

Kerala, along with other States, had joined a campaign of the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare a few years ago to have new medical colleges in all its districts. It appears that the State Health Minister has overlooked the fact that Kerala has one medical college each in all of its 14 districts, and that many of them, which were inaugurated at least a decade ago, are still in their nascent stage. With little infrastructure, an insufficient number of teaching faculty and support staff, and a large number of patients, some of the medical colleges in the less developed regions of the State need support desperately.

The government's move to have one more medical college in the two districts seems to be a case of misplaced priorities with respect to public health. Several public health experts have been sounding the alarm that the famed public healthcare model of Kerala could collapse at any moment due to the tremendous pressure under which the system is functioning, and the lack of adequate government patronage in the form of timely recruitment of staff, financial support, and upgradation of facilities. While setting up new institutions may earn the government brownie points, it could come at the expense of the existing institutions of the State.

It is also time for the State government to ponder why the younger generation of doctors are turning away from medical colleges. Besides the comparatively poor pay, lack of modern research and medical facilities, and the uncertainties of transfers and political interventions in the service, might be acting as a deterrent for such youngsters. The medical and the non-medical staff are being overworked in these hospitals, which has hit the efficiency and quality of the services offered to the general public.

During the second term of the LDF government, it was the Health Ministry that came under severe public criticism. From building collapses to doctors taking to social media to vent out their despair regarding the absence of essential facilities including surgical materials for performing crucial surgeries, shortage of medicines, wrong diagnoses and complaints of medical negligence, the crisis in the health sector played a significant part in turning public opinion against the previous government.

Strengthening the existing network of public healthcare institutions, and not building new ones, should be the priority at this juncture in the State.

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The finish line is still far for Indian sprinting

Gurindervir Singh's national-record, 10.09s, ranks 524th on the all-time list; only 39 countries have broken the 10-second barrier

DATA POINT

Devyanshi Bihani

By the time the men's 100m final began at the Federation Cup in Ranchi on May 23, 2026, India's national record had already changed hands twice within that tournament – a first in Indian sprinting. A day earlier, Gurindervir Singh had lowered the national record to 10.17 seconds in the first semifinals. Minutes later, Animesh Kujur reclaimed it with 10.15 seconds in the second semifinal. Gurindervir seized the opportunity the final offered. His time of 10.09 seconds not only restored the record to his name but also made him the first Indian to break the 10.1-second barrier.

The achievement marked the latest chapter in a rivalry that is transforming Indian sprinting. Anil Kumar's national record of 10.21 seconds had remained unbeaten since 2000. By clocking 10.18 seconds, Animesh not only broke that in July 2025, but became the first Indian to cross the 10.2-second barrier.

While it took 25 years for Indian men's sprinting to breach the 10.2-second barrier, it has seen a dramatic leap forward since then. With Gurindervir's 10.09 seconds, followed by Animesh's 10.15 and 10.18 seconds, and Manikanta Hoblidhar's 10.19 seconds, four of the five fastest 100m sprints by Indian men have been recorded in the last two seasons. But where does India's fastest-ever sprinter stand in the global arena?

An analysis of World Athletics' all-time men's 100m lists shows both the significance of Gurindervir's breakthrough and how far India remains from sprinting's elite. On the global all-time list, Gurindervir's record ranks only 524th.

At the very top, the sport remains remarkably concentrated. Ten of the top 11 performances belong to sprinters from just two countries – Jamaica and the U.S. Jamaica's Usain Bolt holds the world record at 9.58 seconds. American Tyson Gay shares the second-fastest time in history at 9.69 seconds. The only exception is Kenya's Ferdinand Omanyala, whose 9.77-second run shares the 10th place **(Chart 1)**.

The sub-10-second barrier remains one of athletics' most exclusive benchmarks. More than half a century after electronic timing became the standard in 1968, only 39 countries have produced athletes with 100m runs recorded under 10 seconds **(Chart 2)**.

Martin Owens, Animesh's coach, told *The Hindu* that breaking that barrier requires far more than raw speed. "You need natural talent. You need good facilities. You need good recovery and medical backup. You need an intelligent programme," Mr. Owens said, adding that coaching from an early age, financial support and international exposure are also crucial.

When every country's fastest man ever is compared, India sits at around 65th among 182 nations. Several nations with populations under 1.5 crore rank ahead of India, including Trinidad and Tobago, Botswana and Namibia.

It is notable that the fastest sprint performances are usually recorded with a helping breeze. An analysis of the best performances from these 182 nations shows that 139 were achieved with tailwinds between 0.1 and 2 metres per second, while only 17 came while facing headwinds **(Chart 3)**. Even slight wind assistance matters in an event decided by hundredths of a second.

Four of India's top five performances, including Gurindervir's, were recorded with tailwinds. However, his national record came with a relatively modest breeze of 0.3 metres per second, indicating scope for faster performances under more favourable conditions.

Gurindervir, after setting the new record, told the media that the world would soon see Indians running below 10 seconds.

Off and running

The data for the charts were sourced from World Athletics, the international governing body for the sport of athletics

TABLE 1: The top five Indian men's 100m performances

India Rank	World Rank	Competitor	Time (in seconds)	Wind (in m/s)	Date of performance
1	524	Gurindervir Singh	10.09	0.3	May 23, 2026
2	878	Animesh Kujur	10.15	0.3	May 22, 2026
3	1180	Manikanta Hoblidhar	10.19	-0.6	September 28, 2025
4	1362	Anil Kumar	10.21	2	July 5, 2000
5	1480	Tamilarasu Senthilkumar	10.22	0.2	August 20, 2025

During his celebrations, Gurindervir Singh held up the back of his bib, which said, "Task is not finished yet." RITU RAJ KONWAR

CHART 1: The all-time top-700 men's 100m performances

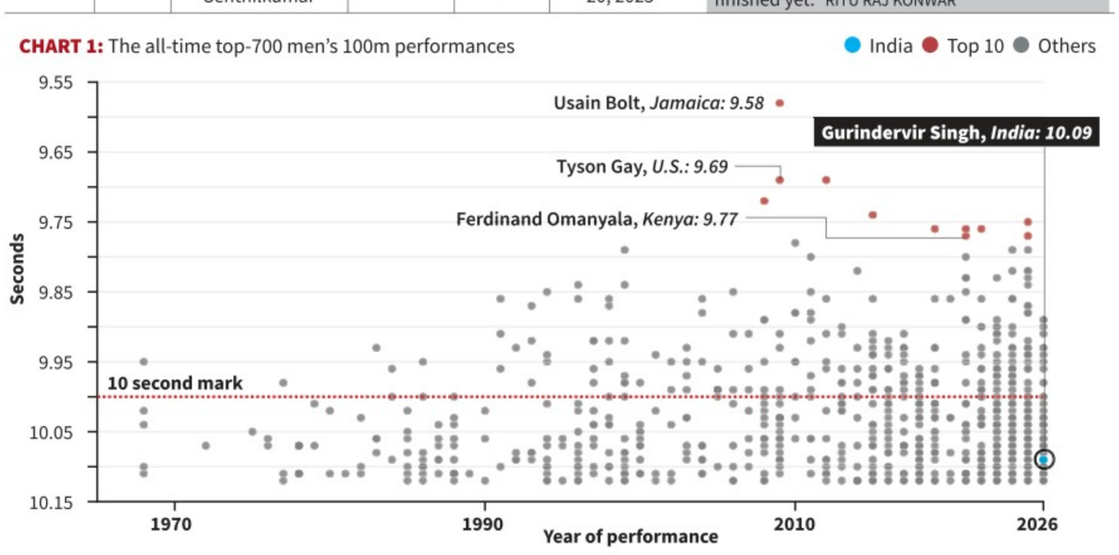


CHART 2: Fastest men's 100m performances of each country, grouped by continent and whether the 10-second barrier has been broken

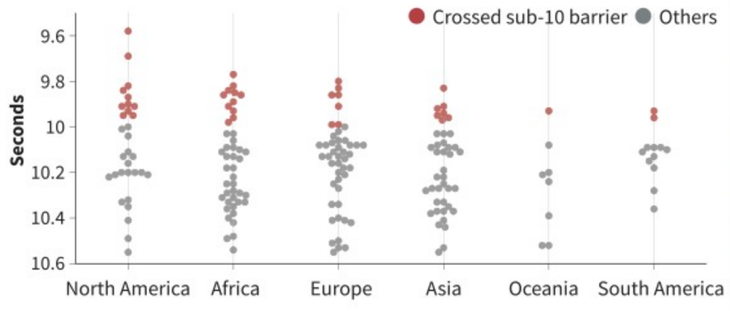
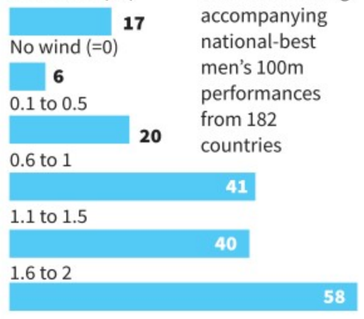


CHART 3: The wind readings accompanying national-best men's 100m performances from 182 countries



FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO JUNE 3, 1976

Cyclone brings heavy rain to Bombay

Bombay, June 2: Bombay and suburbs were lashed by heavy rain and gusty winds since the early hours of this morning.

A spokesman of the Colaba Observatory told THE HINDU that the rains were due to the influence of the cyclone centered at 180 km in the Arabian Sea west of Bombay.

The rain abated this afternoon and this came as a relief to thousands of commuters anxious to reach home.

Between 2 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. to-day Colaba recorded 30.2 mm of rainfall. Santacruz 3.8 mm and Worli 18 mm –FOC

Samachar reports:

The movement of ships in and out of Bombay harbour was affected and rail communications slightly disrupted following heavy rain. The trains started running behind schedule following the snapping of overhead cables at a point near Andheri. There was no disruption of traffic on Central Railway. The Colaba Observatory in a late night bulletin said "very high to phenomenal" seas were likely and a storm surge six metres above the normal astronomical tide might also prevail. The storm was likely to move in a north-northeast direction along the South Gujarat coast.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JUNE 3, 1926

League Council on opium

Geneva, June 2: "Britain is poisoning the world with its drugs", exclaimed Chu, the Chinese representative on the League's Advisory Committee on Opium.

Sir Malcolm Delevinge (Britain) had complained that 200 kilograms of morphine and heroin had been shipped to Shanghai from Germany, the Chinese Government certifying that those drugs were intended for medical purposes in Shanghai hospitals, whereas they were destined for other usages and, despite Britain's representations in this regard to the Chinese Government, the consignment had been released. This brought forth Chu's exclamation above mentioned. He protested excitedly against the alleged attack on his Government and added that the anti-British feeling in China was increasing daily.

M. Bourgeois (France), presiding, cut the lively incident short and announced tea interval.

From Page One

Officials transferred, panel to probe tender

The inquiry committee set up by the Centre to probe the OSM tender will be chaired by S. Radha Chauhan, chairperson of the Capacity Building Commission, and will submit its report to the Department of Personnel and Training within one month, according to a memorandum issued by the Cabinet Secretariat. Ms. Chauhan has been empowered to obtain the assistance of officials from other departments as required, while the Capacity Building Commission will provide secretarial assistance to the panel.

Responding to the transfer of CBSE officials, the Congress alleged that Mr. Pradhan has been presiding over a "monumentally corrupt, inept, and incompetent ecosystem" that has played havoc with the lives of lakhs of youth.

"The transfer of CBSE Chairman and Secretary is mere eye-wash. [Prime Minister Narendra] Modi should immediately sack Dharmendra Pradhan. Nothing less than that would provide a sense of justice to 18.5 lakh CBSE students," Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge said in a post on X.

"Minister Pradhan is leading a highly corrupt, incompetent, and unworthy ecosystem that has toyed with the lives of millions of young people. He should resign immediately," Congress general Secretary Jairam Ramesh said in a post on X.

The National Students' Union of India termed the transfer of the CBSE chairman and secretary as a "small but significant victory" for lakhs of students seeking justice.

(With inputs from Sandeep Phukan and PTI)

Cong. targets Modi over silence on Israel's actions

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Tuesday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of maintaining "complete silence" over Israel's military offensive in Lebanon, even though Israeli aggression is undermining efforts to secure a U.S.-Iran agreement aimed at ending hostilities in West Asia.

Congress general secretary in-charge of communications Jairam Ramesh said negotiations between the U.S. and Iran to halt the conflict held significant implications for India.

A successful agreement would lead to the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz and exert downward pressure on global oil prices, both of which were of "tremendous stake" to India, he said on X.

"Many countries have been condemning Israel's offensive in Lebanon. The one head of government who has kept silent is PM Narendra Modi," he added.

No role for third parties in bilateral matters between India, Nepal: Centre

The response comes after Nepal PM suggests countries such as U.K. and China could help address the issue; govt. says close to 98% of the boundary has been demarcated, with the remaining segments being addressed through established channels

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Responding to assertions made by Nepal Prime Minister Balendra Shah, the External Affairs Ministry on Tuesday said that India and Nepal had bilateral mechanisms to deal with border issues and that there was "no role for any third parties" in such matters.

Addressing pressperson, Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal responded to the claims made by Mr. Shah, who had asserted that the boundary issue was a complex one with both India and Nepal having possession of each other's territory and had sought intervention of countries like the U.K. and China. The Ministry's response to the Nepali Prime Minister coincided with the visit of Rabi Lamichhane, chairman of the ruling Rastriya Swatantra Party in Nepal, who received a warm welcome in the national capital and met External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Tuesday.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah greets Chairman of the Rastriya Swatantra Party Rabi Lamichhane in New Delhi. PTI

"We have established bilateral mechanisms to deal with all aspects of boundary matters. It should be clear to all concerned that there is no role for any third parties in a bilateral matter between India and Nepal," said Mr. Jaiswal.

In a speech in the Nepali Parliament on May 31, Mr. Shah said: "You will be surprised to know a fact that I have learnt recently, only after becoming Prime Minister. India has not only encroached Nepali territory, but Nepal has also encroached Indian territory in many places. Now, both countries should study the facts and sit together as friends and resolve the issue."

In response to this, the Ministry spokesperson referred to natural phenomena like the shifting of the Gandak river that is part of the India-Nepal border. Mr. Jaiswal said, "While close to 98% of the India-Nepal boundary has been demarcated, there are some unresolved segments."

No man's land

Explaining the complexity of the border issue, Mr. Jaiswal further said, "In addition, there are cases of cross-border occupation and encroachment of no-man's land in demarcated segments of the boundary, which are currently being mapped jointly."

The remarks from the official spokesperson coincided with the welcome that Mr. Lamichhane continued to receive here on the second day of his visit to India.

Mr. Lamichhane arrived here on Monday when he was welcomed by representatives of the Bharatiya Janata Party in the VIP lounge of the Indira Gandhi International Airport here.

'People-to-people ties'

On Tuesday, Mr. Lamichhane, who has been the leader of RSP since 2022, called on the External Affairs Minister. Following the discussion, Mr. Jaishankar said: "Our discussions focused on the development partnership and people-to-people ties. These have a crucial role in promoting growth and prosperity."

The visit of Mr. Lamichhane, who is in the country on the invitation of the BJP foreign affairs cell, has drawn attention as the trip came weeks after Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri's scheduled Nepal visit was cancelled because of Mr. Shah's reported disinclination to meet him.

Monsoon to set in over Kerala 'around June 4'

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Revising the forecast of the onset of the southwest monsoon over Kerala, where the weather system makes landfall on the Indian mainland, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Tuesday said the rainy season was now "likely to set in" around June 4, Thursday.

On May 15, the IMD predicted onset over Kerala on May 26, with a model error of plus or minus four days.

A June 4 arrival overshoots even the upper end of that window, May 30. It is the first time since 2015 – when a May 30 forecast gave way to a June 5 onset – that the department has failed to correctly call the monsoon's Kerala arrival. The IMD's operational onset forecasts, which rely on a custom forecast model, had been accurate every year from 2005 to 2025 but for that one lapse.

The IMD said conditions as of Monday "are favourable for further advance of southwest monsoon into some more parts of southwest and southeast Arabian Sea, some parts of Kerala and Tamil Nadu and the Bay of Bengal around June 4".

An upper-air cyclonic circulation off the south Kerala coast is expected to aid that final push. The IMD forecast isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall over Kerala over the next six or seven days.

The IMD placed the northern limit of the monsoon – the system's cloud promontory – along a line running from 10°N/60°E through the southern Bay of Bengal to 22°N/97°E as of Monday, with the rain yet to cross into the Kerala mainland.

The IMD declares the monsoon's onset over Kerala any day after May 10 when at least 60% of 14 designated stations across the State and the adjoining coast – among them Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi, Kozhikode, and Mangaluru – record 2.5 mm or more of rainfall for two consecutive days.

CJI Surya Kant administers the oath of office to Justice V. Mohana as a judge of the Supreme Court, in New Delhi on Tuesday. PTI

Five new judges join SC following increase in sanctioned strength

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday got five new judges, taking its strength to 37, with only one position remaining vacant.

The appointments come shortly after the Centre increased the court's sanctioned strength from 33 to 37 judges, excluding the Chief Justice of India (CJI), through the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Ordinance, 2026.

CJI Surya Kant administered the oath of office to former Punjab and Haryana High Court Chief Justice Sheel Nagu, former Chief Justice of Bombay High Court Shree Chandrashekhar, former Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court Sanjeev Sachdeva, former Chief Justice of High Court of J&K and Ladakh Arun Palli, and senior advocate V.S. Mohana.

Venezuela Acting President's five-day visit to India likely to prioritise energy cooperation

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Around five months after Venezuela President Nicolas Maduro was abducted in a dramatic raid by the United States military, the country's Acting President Delcy Rodriguez will pay a visit to India from June 3 to 7, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced here on Tuesday.

"Her Excellency Ms. Delcy Rodriguez, the Acting President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela who was earlier scheduled to visit India to participate in the International Big Cats Alliance summit on June 1, which has been deferred, will pay a working visit from June 3 to 7," MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.

Ms. Rodriguez will be accompanied by Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Economy and Finance, Science and Technology, Communication and Information and Transportation.

Delcy Rodriguez

During the visit, the Acting President will meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Mr. Jaiswal said. The discussion between Mr. Modi and Ms. Rodriguez will include the "full spectrum" of India-Venezuela relations and explore further avenues of ties in energy, trade, pharmaceuticals and renewable energy.

Ms. Rodriguez has visited India five times in the past and this will be her sixth trip to the country. She visited India earlier representing the Maduro government as Foreign Minister in 2015 and as Vice-President in 2019, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

Officials stated that apart from New Delhi, Ms. Rodriguez who has been playing a balancing role between the United States and the hardliners in her country, will visit spiritual centres associated with the Satya Sai Baba movement and also interact with industrialists and representatives of oil and gas majors.

India was once a major processor of Venezuelan heavy crude, importing more than 4,00,000 barrels per day at peak levels, until sweeping U.S. sanctions and rising compliance risks forcibly shut down purchases in 2020. New Delhi started purchasing crude oil from Venezuela after the sanctions were lifted following Mr. Maduro's capture.

(With PTI inputs)

Will continue to fight BJP till it is defeated, says Mamata

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

Former West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee held a protest meeting in Kolkata on Tuesday, declaring that she would continue to fight the BJP till it is defeated. Ms. Banerjee lost the West Bengal Assembly election to the BJP a month ago.

Ms. Banerjee said it was unprecedented that she was facing protests outside her home. She stressed that former Chief Ministers like Jyoti Basu and Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee never had to deal with agitators at their homes after losing elections. "The party of lumpens (referring to the BJP) wants me to die of a heart attack. But I will not die till I defeat you," the 71-year-old Trinamool Congress chairperson said. Ms. Banerjee said that she would not abandon Trinamool Congress workers in their hour of trial.

Indigenous RudraM-II missile clears flight trials

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Air Force (IAF) have successfully conducted flight-tests of the indigenous RudraM-II air-to-surface missile, marking a significant milestone in India's efforts to strengthen its precision strike capabilities and advance self-reliance in defence technology.

According to the Defence Ministry, the missile was test-fired from an airborne platform under extreme release conditions, with the trials designed to validate the performance of all critical subsystems and flight parameters.

Data captured through a network of tracking and monitoring instruments deployed by the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, confirmed the missile's performance and the success of the trials.

Demography panel may study SIR exclusions, seeks details from govt.

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The demography panel led by a retired Supreme Court judge is likely to study the exclusion of names from the voters' list following the special intensive revision (SIR) exercise conducted in 13 States and Union Territories so far, a senior government official told *The Hindu*.

The High-Level Committee on Demographic Changes that was notified by the Union Home Ministry on May 26 held its first meeting on Tuesday.

The panel has asked for documents from several government departments, the official said. Its mandate is to study the demographic changes arising from illegal immigration and other abnormal reasons and recommend an appropriate institutional mechanism for "population stabilisation".

The SIR deleted around 6.5 crore names from electoral rolls, around 11%, that earlier stood at 58.88 crore in the 13 States and U.T.s. SIR is a document-based process that shifts the burden of proof to the electors. The deleted names include the dead and those who have migrated.

In West Bengal, around 27 lakh people had challenged the removal of their names from the voter rolls. PTI

Around 27 lakh out of 91 lakh people deleted from the voter rolls in West Bengal have challenged the removal of their names before judicial panels and those appeals are under adjudication.

On May 27, the Supreme Court, while upholding the SIR exercise in Bihar, said that the Election Commission was well within its authority to verify citizenship to the limited extent of determining inclusion or exclusion from the electoral roll. The court directed the poll body to refer, within the next four weeks, the names of electors who were part of the 2003 electoral roll but were purged in the Bihar SIR on the grounds of being non-citizens to the Centre for adjudication by a competent authority under the Citizenship Act.

The official said the exclusions of names and the circumstances around them will be studied by the panel. The Ministry's notification said the panel will also recommend "a permanent operational system for the legal, fair and time-bound identification, detention, and deportation of illegal immigrants already residing in the country."

The panel is headed by retired Supreme Court judge Prakash Prabhakar Naolekar. Census Commissioner Mritunjay Kumar Narayan, retired IAS officer Durga Shanker Mishra, retired IPS officer Balaji Srivastava, and Shamika Ravi, who is part of the PM's Economic Advisory Council, are the members of the committee. The Joint Secretary (Foreigners-I), Home Ministry, is the member secretary of the committee.

Govt. changes foreigner registration regulations

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The foreigners coming to India on a visa for 180 days or less will now have to register themselves "any time before the expiry of the said period of 180 days" in case they want to stay beyond the visa period, according to changes in the Immigration and Foreigners Rules, 2025 notified by the Home Ministry.

The new provision will replace the previous rule that required the registration "within 14 days after the expiry of one hundred and eighty days of arrival in India."

The foreigners on a visa for more than 180 days with a stipulation that "each stay shall not exceed 180 days" and who wish to stay in India beyond that period shall have to register "anytime before the expiry of 180 days," the notification published in the gazette said.

Cong. using Telangana as its 'ATM': BJP chief

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president Nitin Nabin on Tuesday accused the Congress government in the State of using Telangana as its "ATM".

"It can be said that Telangana has so far been used merely as an ATM by those in power... the hard-earned money of the people of Telangana is today being spent in the service of the Congress leadership," Mr. Nabin said at an event organised on Telangana State Formation Day.

"The creation of Telangana was made possible through the struggles and sacrifices of lakhs of people. The BJP played a consistent role throughout that journey. At the BJP national convention in Kakinada in 1997, we passed a historic resolution supporting a separate State of Telangana," he said.

"If we are to build the developed India of 2047 envisioned by Prime Minister, then we must also fulfil our commitment to make Telangana fully prosperous and comprehensively developed," he said.

APPEAL

Kavinesh is 9 months old suffering from "Rhabdomyoarcoma" and needs Chemotherapy Radiation Therapy and surgery at **Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research Centre, Madurai**. The total expenditure is **Rs.7,00,000/-**. His father is a daily wage earner. The family is very poor and cannot afford this huge cost. Please help him with the treatment and to have a bright future.Donations sent by Ch/D.D. favouring **Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research Centre, Madurai will be acknowledged.** The donations sent through Ch/D.D/NEFT Transfer & GOOGLE PAY (Canara Bank, Nungambakkam Branch, A/c No.60182010063310, IFSC No.CNRB0016018) favouring **WOMEN'S WELFARE SYNDICATE** is exempted under 80G IT.

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The Hindu Huddle to look at Aravallis, Nicobar, and India's development debate

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

One of the most defining policy debates of our time is that of development versus environment. With India pursuing various infrastructure and economic goals, there is worry that environmental concerns may not be receiving the attention they deserve.

These issues will be explored in a panel discussion at The Hindu Huddle in Bengaluru on June 6. The session will feature Jairam Ramesh, former Union Environment Minister and Congress MP, and Dr. Krithi Karanth, conservation biologist and CEO of the Centre for Wildlife Studies. The discussion will be moderated by Gargi Rawat, Consulting Editor, NDTV.

The conversation will focus on two contrasting landscapes: the Aravalli range and Great Nicobar Island. The Aravallis, among the world's oldest mountain systems, have long faced pressure from mining and quarrying. In 2025, after widespread protests, the Supreme Court froze new mining leases in notified areas across Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, and Gujarat.

Meanwhile, the Great Nicobar, known for its unique biodiversity and indigenous communities, is the site of a proposed ₹72,000-crore infrastructure project aimed at creating a transshipment and defence hub. While supporters view the project as strategically important, critics have expressed concerns about its ecological impact.

The discussion will examine what these two landscapes reveal about environmental governance in India today. It will also explore whether citizen activism can influence conservation outcomes, how policymakers should assess projects involving irreversible ecological losses, and why environmental issues, such as the pollution crisis, rarely become major electoral concerns.

At the same time, it will acknowledge India's conservation successes, including its network of tiger reserves, national parks, and wildlife sanctuaries. The discussion and questions will centre on how India can balance growth and environmental concerns in the years ahead.

Event partners
The Hindu Huddle is presented by Sami-Sabinsa Group as the Presenting Partner.

The event is vo-powered by the Government of Telangana and held in association with Khaja Bandanawaz University.

The event is further supported by: Bank of Baroda, Larsen & Toubro, Apollo Hospitals, IIM Sirmaur, ICFAI Group, TAFE, Uttarakhand government, Wizzmoni, Associate Partners; Casagrand, Realty Partner; Toyota, Luxury Car Partner; Amity University Bengaluru, University Partner; Harrow International School Bengaluru, Education Partner; Meghalaya Tourism, State Partner; NDTV 24x7, TV Partner.

Readers can register for the event by scanning the QR code. Limited seats available.

CBSE portal for re-evaluation faces many glitches on first day

16,000 students applied for reassessment till Tuesday afternoon, the Board says; several Class 12 students share screenshots reporting a range of technical errors; malicious actors tried to disrupt services through a barrage of cyberattacks, CBSE says

Maitri Porecha
NEW DELHI

Thousands of students had applied for re-evaluation of answer books in the CBSE Class 12 exam. PTI

Up to 16,000 students applied for re-evalution of their Class 12 answer papers till Tuesday afternoon after a dedicated portal for the submission of the application was opened earlier in the day, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) said.

The portal will remain open till the midnight of June 6, it said. Applications are being submitted for verification of issues observed in the scanned copies of answer sheets and re-evaluation.

The CBSE opened the portal after a delay of a day from the promised June 1. Despite glitches, the CBSE said "no offline applications will be accepted". Requests submitted after the scheduled date and time will not be accepted, the Board said.

On the first day, several Class 12 students shared screenshots reporting a range of technical errors and evaluation discrepancies.

After filling out their login credentials (roll number, date of birth) and the captcha code, students were met with the message: "Verification failed, please check details".

Heavy server traffic caused the website to become unresponsive mid-process. Many students reported that after selecting their subjects or punching in details, the page froze entirely or redirected them to a completely blank screen, forcing them to start over.

The new user interface was reportedly broken on mobile devices, including overlapping text and unclickable buttons, which was distressing for students trying to complete the process on their phones.

Service disrupted
"The CBSE revaluation portal is currently supporting over 8,000 concurrent users. As of 3:00 pm today, more than 16,000 students have successfully completed their submissions," the CBSE said. "While thousands of students accessed the CBSE re-evaluation portal [on Tuesday], malicious actors attempted to disrupt services through a barrage of cyberattacks. Most recent being a denial of service attack attempt causing 1.5 million hits on the portal within a matter of 2 minutes and more than 1 lakh attempts of unauthorised file access," the CBSE further said in its official statement.

"Based on student feedback, we have further refined the platform, including extending session time limits to make the process more convenient and seamless," the Board said.

"Students may apply online for resolution of issues observed in the supplied scanned copy of answer book, including missing pages, missing supplementary sheets, missing maps/graphs, blurred pages, incorrect answer book, or evaluation against a different set," it said in its statement.

"Multiple issues and subjects may be selected in a single application. If students are not satisfied with evaluation they can apply for this facility," the statement further said.

Students may also apply online for re-evaluation of one or more questions across one or more subjects by providing the required details, including question number, and page number. They are required to ensure all intended requests, across subjects, are included before the final submission.

Aadhaar for log-in
Students have been instructed to enter their Aadhaar number for logging into the portal.

"Aadhaar verification has been included for security reasons. For children who do not have Aadhaar, the parent's, relative's or guardian's Aadhaar details may be used. In this case, the name in Aadhaar, date of birth, and gender must be of the person whose Aadhaar number is used," an official said.

Legal experts have said that the Supreme Court has held mandatory Aadhaar authentication to be unconstitutional.

"Firstly, Aadhaar cannot be made mandatory. Adding a layer of Aadhaar verification adds some friction to the IT portal, but any impersonator who wants to enter the portal via social engineering can get in by defrauding someone to obtain their Aadhaar details and spoof the system," a cyber security researcher and privacy advocate told *The Hindu*, requesting anonymity.

Once the 'Freeze' and 'Proceed to payment' button is clicked, the details are locked and cannot be edited, the Board said. Students have been advised to ensure all details are correct.

Teen flags CBSE OSM tender irregularities before House panel

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Sarthak Sidhant arriving at the Parliament House Annexe in New Delhi on Tuesday. ANI

Sarthak Sidhant is too young to be elected to Parliament, but the 17-year-old student from Jharkhand, who flagged alleged irregularities in the Central Board of Secondary Education's (CBSE) tendering process for the On-Screen Marking (OSM) system, presented his findings before a parliamentary committee on Tuesday.

The Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports, chaired by Congress MP Digvijaya Singh, met to discuss the "use of On-Screen-Marking in Grade 12 CBSE exams and issues faced by students".

Submits document
Mr. Sidhant, who appeared for the Class 12 exams this year, submitted a seven-page document outlining alleged anomalies in the CBSE's tendering process for selecting vendors for online marking and posed a series of questions to the Board, sources said.

His presentation was made in the presence of CBSE Chairman Rahul Singh and School Education Secretary Sanjay Kumar, along with other officials from the Education Ministry and Board. Mr. Singh was transferred hours after the meeting.

The CBSE, meanwhile, submitted a report to the panel detailing challenges involved in implementing the OSM process. Officials, sources said, assured MPs that issues with the portal had been resolved and that students now have time until Saturday to apply for re-evaluation of answer sheets.

Exam lapses have contributed to growing public distrust: ABVP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, the student wing of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, has expressed concern over irregularities in the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (Undergraduate), Common University Entrance Test and UGC-NET, stating that repeated lapses have undermined confidence in the country's exam system. The lapses have led to growing distrust among students, parents and the public, it said.

Odisha resolution
In a resolution adopted at its National Executive Council meeting in Odisha from May 29 to 31, it blamed administrative failures, inadequate security safeguards, weak infrastructure and poor accountability. The resolution said several initiatives aimed at improving transparency and quality in education had been launched in recent years. Shortcomings in implementation have limited their impact, it said.

It urged the Centre and the States to work jointly to ensure effective implementation of education reforms. It called for adequate resources, stronger institutional accountability and timely execution of policy measures.

NSUI moves HC, seeks enquiry into OSM row

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The National Students' Union of India, student wing of the Congress, on Tuesday moved the Delhi High Court seeking an independent enquiry into the alleged large-scale irregularities in Central Board of Secondary Education's (CBSE) On-Screen Marking system for Class 12 exam.

The PIL also seeks manual rechecking and physical verification of answer sheets of aggrieved students. The plea is likely to be heard by a Vacation Bench on June 8. It sought a direction to the authorities to keep its portal open for verification and revaluation of answer sheets for one month.

The plea said those whose answer sheets were affected by scanning defects, mismatch errors or other technical failures cannot be made to suffer because of deficiencies in the system.

Former Trinamool MLA, KMC councillor arrested in Bengal

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

Nearly a hundred Trinamool leaders have been arrested since the BJP came to power after polls

Arrests of Trinamool Congress leaders continued on Tuesday, with former Kalna MLA Debaprasad Bag and Kolkata Municipal Corporation councillor Sachin Singh being taken into custody in separate cases of alleged corruption and extortion.

Since the BJP came to power in West Bengal, nearly a hundred Trinamool Congress leaders, mostly local-level workers, have been arrested over allegations of corruption and post-poll violence linked to the 2021 Assembly elections. According to the police, Mr. Bag was arrested after huge quantities of government relief materials were found at his house.

"We are not yet sure why he stored such a huge quantity of government relief materials at his house. We are probing whether he was planning to sell them or had any other plans," Amarjit Biswas, an officer at Kalna police station, said. The police said that local residents also questioned his "luxurious lifestyle".

The Narkeldanga police arrested KMC councillor (ward 36) Sachin Singh over allegations of extortion, bribery and intimidation by local residents.

Former Katwa MLA Rabindranath Chattopadhyay was hospitalised on Tuesday after he was allegedly attacked by BJP workers over accusations of misappropriating relief materials.

Meanwhile, resignations kept pouring in from Trinamool Congress leaders over the past few days. On Tuesday, Member Mayor-In-Council in KMC Tarak Singh resigned from his post, citing "mental disturbance" and lack of proper responsibilities.

INDIA bloc to meet on June 8 amid strain; Trinamool expected to attend

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

Big meeting: Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi at an event. FILE PHOTO

Leaders of the Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance (INDIA bloc) are set to meet here on June 8. Trinamool Congress president and former West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who has often maintained a distance from the Opposition bloc, is expected to attend.

Attention will also be on the DMK, which is upset with the Congress after it snapped ties and allied with the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam to join the government in Tamil Nadu. Earlier, DMK Lok Sabha leader Kanimozhi had written to Speaker Om Birla requesting that her party members be allotted seats away from the Congress in the Lok Sabha.

According to sources, 17 Opposition parties are likely to attend the meeting. Participants are expected to include Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren. Ms. Banerjee is likely to be accompanied by her nephew and Trinamool national general secretary, Abhishek Banerjee. Several Opposition parties had recently rallied behind Mr. Banerjee, criticising the BJP over an attack on him in West Bengal.

Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav, RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav, and Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray are expected.

The Aam Aadmi Party, which severed ties with the INDIA bloc nearly a year ago, is unlikely to attend, particularly as the Congress remains the principal Opposition in Punjab, the only State where the AAP is in power.

Bid to project unity
The last time top INDIA bloc leaders shared a common platform was in December 2023, ahead of the Lok Sabha election, when they had agreed to field a common candidate against the BJP in each Lok Sabha constituency – an arrangement that did not work in several States. Since then, while the bloc has met on multiple occasions to strategise inside and outside Parliament, its top leadership has not come together. The meeting assumes significance considering the series of setbacks the Opposition parties have faced in Assembly elections since June 2024.

The June 8 meeting is seen as an effort to project unity. "It needs to be reiterated every now and then that the BJP has only 37% of the vote, while the remaining 63% of Indian voters are represented by other parties," a senior Opposition leader said.

The bloc is also expected to fine-tune its pitch on the Election Commission, particularly in the backdrop of the Supreme Court's validation of the special intensive revision exercise.

According to sources, leaders may also sharpen their campaign around the economic slowdown, an issue repeatedly flagged by Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi.

Rahul hails unity in Rajasthan Cong., calls it example for others

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) chief and the Congress Legislature Party leader holding hands can be a good example for other States, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said in Rajasthan, conveying a message to other States.

He made these remarks in Pushkar on Monday, where he had gone on the concluding day of a 10-day training camp for district presidents under the Sangathan Srijan Abhigyan.

While receiving Mr. Gandhi at the airport, PCC chief Govind Singh Dotasara and CLP leader Tika Ram Jully jointly offered him a bouquet, prompting him to make the remark. "A very good example for all other States," he said.

His remarks are significant against the backdrop of intense rivalry between former Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and his former deputy Sachin Pilot a few years ago.

The comment is not only an acknowledgement of factional feuds in the party but also conveys a sense of urgency in settling them after the leadership transition in Karnataka.

Leadership tussle
On June 4 and 5, Mr. Gandhi will be visiting Uttarakhand, a State the Congress is looking to wrest back from the BJP in next year's Assembly polls.

However, before then, the high command has to ensure that all the top leaders are on the same page. And like in other States, former Chief Minister Harish Rawat, CLP leader Pritam Singh and PCC chief Ganesh Godiyal are in a leadership tussle.

The situation in Punjab, another State where polls are to be held next year, is worse as rivalries are spilling into the open. A three-cornered contest has emerged among Leader of Opposition Partap Singh Bajwa, State party chief Amrinder Raja Warring and former Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi.

INBRIEF

Tigress Zeenat gives birth to four cubs in Odisha's Similipal

The translocation effort aimed at enhancing the genetic diversity of tigers in Odisha's Similipal Tiger Reserve has received a major boost, with tigress Zeenat, brought from Maharashtra, giving birth to four cubs. Photographs of Zeenat gently carrying her cubs in her mouth have since gone viral. "Today, a proud chapter has been added to Odisha's natural resources and wildlife conservation efforts," Chief Minister Mohan Majhi said in a post on X on Tuesday. The event assumes significant importance for the State Forest Department, especially after an earlier experiment to introduce tigers in Satkosia Tiger Reserve had failed.

3 killed as car falls into river in Uttarakhand; 4 missing

Three people were killed, and four others remain missing after an SUV carrying eight people plunged into a river near Devprayag in Uttarakhand's Tehri Garhwal district on Tuesday morning, officials said. A boy was rescued with serious injuries and admitted to a hospital. A search-and-rescue operation was under way in the area till late evening. State Disaster Response Force Commandant Arpan Yaduvanshi said that after the driver lost control, the vehicle veered off the road and fell into a deep gorge before being swept away by the river. The vehicle had five female and three male occupants. Rescuers retrieved three bodies from the river.

Mother-in-law, husband of Twisha sent to judicial custody

A court in Madhya Pradesh's Bhopal on Tuesday sent Twisha Sharma's husband Samarth Singh, and mother-in-law, retired judge Giribala Singh, to 14 days of judicial custody after their remand with the Central Bureau of Investigation ended. The probe agency presented the two accused before a local court in connection with the 33-year-old model's death and dowry harassment case. The CBI sought judicial custody for Ms. Giribala Singh and her son till June 16 to record statements of other people and witnesses linked to the case. Twisha Sharma was found dead at her matrimonial home in Bhopal on May 12.

CBI arrests two accused in ₹800-crore chit fund case

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has arrested two accused persons in the Uttarakhand LUCC chit fund case from Mumbai. They have been identified as Kishan Jain, and Pankaj Jain alias Pankaj Chaudhary. In compliance with an order from the High Court of Uttarakhand, the probe agency had registered the case last year against various office-bearers of Loni Urban Multi State Credit and Thrift Co-operative Society (LUCC) and others. According to the CBI, over one lakh people in the State were lured into making investments in various unregulated deposit schemes of the LUCC. The total deposits are estimated to be about ₹800 crore. The CBI had earlier arrested five accused persons.

India losing ability to build its own instruments: climate science report

Use of imported equipment that remains uncalibrated leads to incorrect data being reported, marring credibility of Indian science; researchers also aim to study long-term impact of uncontrolled tapping of natural resources for renewable energy

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

A group of India's leading climate scientists has warned that the country has almost lost the ability to build its own scientific instruments, leaving its climate observations dependent on imported equipment that is often run uncalibrated for years. This has led to "incorrect data being reported in national and international journals, often leading to questions on the credibility of Indian science", they said.

The researchers also called for long-term studies to evaluate the climate consequences of the "uncontrolled" growth of renewable energy installations, warning that the effects of large solar and wind plants on the climate remain "poorly understood".

The warning appeared in the Mega Science Vision-2035 (MSV) report on Climate Research, a road map prepared by the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, as the nodal institution, and submitted to the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) to the Union government.

The report was made public earlier this week.

Heat is on: The warning lands at a time when India is already facing the harmful effects of the warming climate. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Atmanirbhar challenges

The warning on instruments sits awkwardly with the government's drive for "atmanirbhar" or self-reliance. To boost domestic manufacturing, the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) portal was made mandatory for public scientific institutions, requiring procurement from the lowest-bidding India-registered vendor.

As *The Hindu* has reported, scientists found this a stumbling block when they needed customised equipment built to high-quality standards, with GeM vendors often unable to meet such specifications and the alternative – a global tender – entailing long bureaucratic delays.

In June 2025, the Finance Ministry rolled back some of the rules amid complaints over sub-standard materials.

The warning also lands at a time when India is already facing the harmful effects of the warming climate, from intensifying heatwaves and erratic monsoons to accelerating Himalayan glacier melt – the very trends that reliable, well-calibrated observations are meant to track.

The MSV exercise, historically used to plan large, long-horizon projects in fields such as nuclear and high-energy physics, was for the first time extended to climate research, ecology and astronomy, and was facilitated by the PSA's office under Professor Ajay K. Sood.

On the energy transition, the report recommended devising "scientific methods to estimate the social cost of carbon [i.e., the cost of damages from an extra ton of CO2]" and a mechanism to implement the "polluter pays" principle to stop the atmosphere being used as "a dumping ground" for emissions, while seeking ways to "offset the effects of the carbon tax on the poor."

The scientists' justification for studying "uncontrolled" renewables is cautionary rather than sceptical. The report said that while "renewable energy seems to be the right solution to replace polluting energy sources, studies are needed to understand the long-term consequences of the uncontrolled tapping of natural resources."

India has pledged 500 GW of non-fossil capacity by 2030, and crossed the halfway mark on installed electricity capacity from non-fossil sources in 2025.

Mega projects

The report called for an indigenous Earth System Model built "from first principles", distinct from existing Indian models which have been "adapted from the U.S. or Europe."

It also proposed eight "mega projects" – spanning observatories, satellites, in-situ networks, field campaigns, indigenous sensors, carbon-neutrality research and adaptation science – phased across three roughly five-year blocks until 2035.

'Marriage does not sever daughter's ties to her family'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Observing that contemporary social realities show that marriage does not sever a daughter's ties with her parental family or end her dependence on them, the Supreme Court on Tuesday held that marital status cannot be a ground for denying compassionate appointment to a married daughter.

A Bench of Justices P.S. Narasimha and Alok Aradhe observed that the presumption that a daughter, upon marriage, becomes a member of another family and severs all ties with her natal family is rooted in a "gender-based stereotype" and is incompatible with the constitutional right to equality.

The top court was hearing an appeal filed by a woman, the married daughter of a deceased fair price shop dealer. Following her mother's death, the appellant took responsibility for supporting her sisters. She had challenged a 2019 government order that excluded married daughters from the definition of "family" for allotment of a fair price shop under the dependent quota.

Cong. raises protests in Odisha over mining rights

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Tuesday criticised the Centre over protests in Odisha against clearances granted for bauxite mining, saying Union Tribal Affairs Minister Jual Oram, who is from the State, should be concerned about the agitations.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh was referring to the ongoing stir in Koraput district, where residents of Balda and Banur villages have accused the Adani-owned Kalinga Alumina Limited and district officials of colluding to hold fraudulent Gram Sabhas consenting to the diversion of forest land for mining.

"Kalinga Alumina Ltd. is part of the ever-expanding Modani empire," Mr. Ramesh said. "The Union Minister of Tribal Affairs should be concerned about these protests."

AIIMS Delhi study shows how air pollutants breach placental barriers and affect foetuses

Ramya Kannan
CHENNAI

That environmental pollutants can breach the placental barrier and affect foetuses is now well established in research. But how exactly does this happen? Researchers at AIIMS, Delhi have mapped the step-by-step biological pathway through which urban air pollution silences a key foetal growth protein, causing lasting harm to babies.

The ICMR-funded study, published in *EMBO Molecular Medicine*, has reportedly shown, for the first time, in comprehensive molecular detail, how the fine particulate matter from urban air pollution crosses the placenta, triggers a wave of inflammation and shuts down a protein that is essential for growth. This could have consequences right into late childhood.

Exposure to particulate matter PM2.5 was a significant risk factor for low birth weight in Delhi, researchers find

Particulate matter PM2.5 and PM10 are capable of crossing the placental barrier, and cause oxidative stress and inflammation, impairing the development of the foetus. Placental dysfunction, and complications including pre-term birth, low birth weight and preeclampsia are all possible outcomes.

Key growth protein

"Since we know that pollutants do affect foetuses, our primary goal," said Subhradip Karmakar, professor of biochemistry, AIIMS, Delhi, and corresponding author for the paper, "was to examine the pathways that enable the pollutants to cause distress to the placenta and the foetus. While this has been studied before, it has been done in a piecemeal way. We showed the entire pathway."

"Our research reveals that exposure during pregnancy to Urban Particulate Matter activates inflammatory pathways that inhibit IGFBP3 expression, a key protein governing the equilibrium of the placenta and growth of the embryo. This reduction in IGFBP3 impairs critical placental processes, resulting in restricted foetal growth and altered developmental trajectories," he added.

The research focused on both rodents and on delivery records of 994 women from two cities: high-pollution Delhi and low-pollution Deoghar, Jharkhand.

In women from Delhi, PM2.5 exposure was identified as a significant risk factor for low birth weight. The rate of preeclampsia, a dangerous spike in blood pressure during pregnancy, significantly increases as pollution levels rise.

In the case of rodents, particulate matter impaired the placenta's ability to invade the uterine wall, form its essential nutrient-exchange layer, and support blood vessel growth. Pollution also triggered severe cellular stress and rewrote the cells' epigenetic switches, permanently altering which genes are switched on or off, researchers on the study said. In pregnant rats, exposure to New Delhi's pollution levels caused litter sizes to shrink by up to 25%, placentas to be smaller, and newborns to weigh 34% less at term. Offspring also showed clear neurological harm: impaired motor coordination, heightened anxiety, and stress responses; effects consistent with damage that begins before birth, the paper indicates.

Future research

Looking at the transgenerational effect, where researchers study the impact on development of motor development skills, IQ, cardio-vascular complications, cancer and metabolic disorders will entail further studies, Dr. Karmakar said.

He suggested that risk mitigation strategies such as wearing masks and eating antioxidant-rich foods could provide a buffer to people. "We must remember that risk mitigation in terms of controlling pollution will have to be multi-dimensional. The research findings call for pollution monitoring to be integrated into prenatal care."

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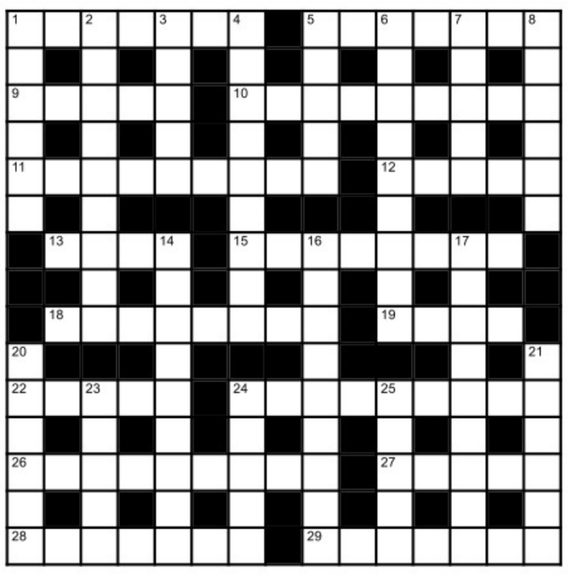

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5 Perceptible by touch - do wear a hat (7)
9 Top restaurant opens again - starts to cook (5)
10 Bell tower affected by a river (9)
11 Star in topless trailer, on the beach (9)
12 Air you get here is bottled (5)
13 Excited before midnight (4)
15 Happy to get permit for this breed of cattle (8)
18 Cut down on accommodation - that wasn't funny (4,4)
19 Poet shuns cocktail for food (4)
22 European city provides 50% of things you need to live... (5)
24 ..Scent of an odd German in the neighbouring country (9)
26 Making things hard for girl in London district (9)
27 Skip first day in Elon Musk's old work place (5)
28 Most unyielding - company set to change (7)
29 One thrown out of a game (7)

Down

1 Previously a spy agency came up in the capital (6)
2 Amazing change - invite a politician for a celebratory drink... (9)
3 ...meanwhile, I'm off to Bury (5)
4 Port in Alaska sees a variation between sides (9)
5 Intimidate if one is shy (5)
6 Tea for each one and one for shepherd (9)
7 Exposed fire risk - hard for a European (5)
8 Rulers seem different including the queen (6)
14 Plant - An evergreen caught in a storm (9)
16 The garlic makes you feel sleepy (9)
17 Law on working inside with radioactive elements (9)
20 Benefit the fat man inside to rise (6)
21 Categories of information on time (6)
23 Instruments to scan sea floor, ultimately (5)
24 Stone or fine cotton? (5)
25 Noble gas symbolically remains same without trouble (5)

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FAITH

The question is 'Who am I?'

The first question that a philosophically inclined person should ask is – "Who am I?" It may seem the answer to this is simple. But it is not, said Paravastu Varadarajan in a discourse. A man may say he is an author. As an author, he will have certain goals. Maybe he wants to write a bestseller. But the same man is also someone's son, brother, husband, father. What about these identities? Are the goals in each of these roles the same? Obviously, they cannot be. A son has to look after his aged parents. A man must be an understanding husband. As a father, he must provide for his children. So, who is this 'I'? The body that we have dies, and till then we have this idea of 'I.' So does that mean the body is this 'I'? It cannot be. We may say, "This is my body." But that does not make us identical with the body. A man also says, "This is my book. This is my car." Does this mean, he and his book or car are one and the same? How then can the body be identical with him?

The *atma* existed before it was assigned a body, and continues even after the body perishes. This realisation is the first step in any philosophical pursuit. The next question is, "Why should we know that the body is not the *atma*?" If we think the *atma* is the body, then we will not bother about dharma. We will just look at ways of living comfortably on this earth, and never think beyond that. But if you know that the *atma* is not the body, then you will know that there will be many births. Who knows what problems you will face in those births? That thought will make us adhere to dharma and also to seek moksha. There is a limit to the span of a human body. But an *atma* is never destroyed.

INBRIEF

Adani group companies post record $16-billion capex

Adani group companies reported a record capital expenditure of ₹1.53 lakh crore ($16.1 billion) and an all-time high EBITDA of ₹94,834 crore ($10 billion) in the 2025-26 fiscal year, underscoring an accelerating infrastructure expansion cycle while maintaining leverage below its stated target. The investment programme lifted the portfolio's gross asset base to ₹7.85 lakh crore, with nearly 80% of spending directed towards energy, utilities and logistics businesses. PTI

Oyo-parent Prism gets SEBI nod to launch ₹6,650-cr. IPO

Prism, the parent firm of global travel tech unicorn Oyo, has secured clearance from markets regulator SEBI to raise ₹6,650 crore through its initial public offering (IPO), people familiar with the development said on Tuesday. The proposed public offering is expected to value the company at $7-8 billion, they added. Oyo's parent entity Prism filed the preliminary IPO papers with SEBI in December 2025 through the confidential route. PTI

India slips to seventh in m-cap rankings; South Korea ahead

India's equity markets slipped to seventh place in terms of market capitalisation on Tuesday as heavy foreign selling, weak earnings growth and limited exposure to AI-linked stocks allowed South Korea's chip-heavy market to overtake it. South Korean stocks have rallied this year, driven by AI chipmakers, which have lifted the combined value of companies listed on KOSPI, KOSDAQ and KONEX to $5.01 trillion, surpassing the $4.85 trillion value of firms on NSE. REUTERS

'LPG consumption fell 19% in May; petrol, diesel increased'

Consumption of petrol increased 2.8%, while that of diesel rose less than 1%, according to provisional govt. data; fall in LPG consumption attributed to increase in interim booking period

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NEW DELHI

In the third full month of the West Asia conflict, India's consumption of liquified petroleum gas (LPG) declined more than 19% in May this year in comparison to the same period last year, according to provisional government data.

Meanwhile, consumption of petrol increased 2.8% during the reported period, while that of diesel rose less than 1%.

The provisional data from the Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC) also pointed to consumption of aviation turbine fuel (ATF), also having dipped about 0.8% during the same period.

India consumed about 2.12 million metric tonnes (MMT) of LPG in May this year, which is about 19.2% less than 2.62 MMT it consumed in the same month last year, according to the provisional data.

Steady go: There has been no major structural shift in LPG usage, although PNG connections have been increasing. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Prashant Vashisht, senior vice-president and co-group head of Corporate Ratings at ICRA, explained the fall in consumption is to do with the interim booking period being increased from 21 to 25 days in urban areas and up to 45 days in rural areas.

Mr. Vashist also pointed to an additional factor being the government's supply maintenance orders - allocating 70% of commercial LPG of the pre-crisis levels to ease pressure on LPG. Further, according to Abhishek Nath, Sector Head for Energy and Power at Delhi-based think tank Center for Study of Science, Technology and Policy (CSTEP), the decline is primarily to do with supply disruptions.

"India's LPG consumption has declined in May this year mainly due to supply disruptions. There has been no major structural shift in LPG usage, although the number of piped natural gas (PNG) connections has been increasing," he stated. Mr. Nath added the disruptions have also led to people trying out electric cooking as well.

India consumed 3.89 MMT of petrol in May this year, higher than 3.78 MMT it did in the same month last year.

Meanwhile, consumption of diesel stood at 8.67 MMT in May compared with about 8.59 MMT in the comparable period last year. Specifically reflecting on diesel, Mr. Vaishisht explained consumption of diesel has moved from a higher base to a slightly higher base.

Govt. to replace WPI with Producer Price Index, new series from June 15

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

DPIIT will release a new series with three indices – Output PPI, Trial Input PPI, Services PPI

The Centre will phase out the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) over the next five years while simultaneously introducing a more detailed Producer Price Index (PPI), covering output, input and services prices, in a bid to offer a more realistic assessment of inflationary trends in the economy.

Speaking with reporters, Praveen Mahto, Principal Economic Adviser in the Commerce and Industry Ministry, said that the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) will release the revised series of WPI with new base year 2022-23 on June 15, which would replace the existing series with base year 2011-12.

In addition, the department would release a new series of PPI from June 15. It will have three indices – Output PPI, Trial Input PPI and Services PPI.

Initially, services PPI will have seven services – Banking, Securities Transaction, Insurance, Management of Pension Funds, Railways, Air (Passenger), and Telecom.

"Considering the wide usage of WPI in price escalation clauses, this index will be released for five years from the date of release of the revised series along with PPI and will be discontinued thereafter," the ministry said in a statement. The five-year period would give users sufficient time to switch from WPI to PPI. Mr. Mahto said that after five years, the PPI is expected to replace WPI.

The transition from WPI to PPI aligns with global best practices adopted by advanced economies and the recommendations of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The availability of both Output PPI and Input PPI provides a better understanding of the price movements of output items vis-à-vis the input items used in an industry.

It also explains how inflation experienced by producers of input items is passed through to the output they produce.

Mr. Mahto said that the Service PPIs for seven services have been compiled in the first phase based on the availability of data from administrative sources/agencies. More services are planned to be added to the PPI basket of services in subsequent phases, subject to data availability.

The DPIIT informed that WPI and Output PPI are being compiled on a monthly basis and will be available for May 2026 (Provisional) along with the back series from April 2023 to April 2026 on June 15.

ED conducts searches at Vedanta premises

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has initiated a foreign exchange "violation" investigation against global mining conglomerate Vedanta Group and conducted searches at its premises, officials said on Tuesday.

It is understood that the raids were launched against the business house, promoted by billionaire Anil Agarwal, on Tuesday.

"We are extending full cooperation to the authorities and are providing all information sought. The company remains committed to compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. As the matter is currently under regulatory process, we are unable to comment further at this stage," a Vedanta spokesperson said. Vedanta Ltd. is a leading global producer of metals, critical minerals and technology.

The company has operations across India, Africa, the Middle East and East Asia. ED officials said premises located in Delhi and Rajasthan apart from some other locations had been covered.

The investigation is being conducted under the civil provisions of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), the officials said.

(With inputs from PTI)

Extreme heat tests India's record milk production

NEWS ANALYSIS

Reuters
NEW DELHI

During a summer of extreme heat with temperature topping 40 degrees Celsius last year, much like northern India is currently experiencing, dairy farmer Neeraj Bharadwaj watched one of his cows deliver a calf months early.

The newborn was tiny and almost hairless. People said it would not survive, but Bharadwaj bottle fed it milk until it slowly recovered.

Scientists say such premature births are part of a wider pattern of increasingly intense summers linked to climate change.

Heat stress reduces feed intake and diverts cows' energy.

Bharadwaj's small farm of six cows near Delhi is typical of millions in India, the world's biggest dairy producer responsible for almost a quarter of global supply where most milk comes from farms with between 2-5 animals.

5% of GDP

Dairy sector accounts for about 5% of India's GDP and supports more than 80 million farmers. Rising incomes and population level mean demand for dairy is set to grow - the government estimates it could almost double by 2050.

But extreme heat means cows eat less, make less milk, struggle to conceive and produce fewer live offspring, experts say, while farmers spend more trying to keep animals cool and fertile. "Milk production falls by nearly 30% during extreme heat," Bharadwaj said.

Record output

India's milk production reached a record 239 million tonne in the 2023-24 fiscal year, up nearly 64% in a decade, according to government data.

But researchers, dairy experts and farmers say rising heat is quietly exposing the vulnerabilities of that model. Scientists at the National Dairy Research Institute said heat stress reduces feed intake and diverts cows' energy away from milk production and reproduction.

Bharadwaj spent some ₹2 lakh modifying cattle sheds with tarpaulin covers and ventilation systems to cut heat stress while yearly maintenance added another ₹50,000.

Pankaj Navani, a dairy entrepreneur, said larger organised dairy operators adapted more quickly because they treat dairy as a commercial business, investing in cooling systems, ventilation and feed management. But such investment is hard for most dairy farmers operating with only a handful of cattle and limited capital.

'War to trim 100 bps off MSME revenue'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The West Asia conflict will hit micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in India hard this fiscal, impacting both revenue and profitability according to a study by Crisil Intelligence.

As per it's projections revenue growth of MSMEs will moderate to 7.5-8.5%, down 100 basis points (bps) compared with fiscal 2026, while earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (Ebitda) margin will decline 50-100 bps to 5-5.5%.

"The forecasts would have been more subdued but for the domestic gems and jewellery market, experiencing a value-led expansion driven by surge in gold prices. Such outsized impact, however, is not unprecedented," Crisil said.

Amid the Covid-19 pandemic, large players had seen revenue decline by 0-1% in fiscals 2020 and 2021 while MSMEs experienced a 3-5% drop. The Ebitda margin of MSMEs had also declined 80 bps to 4.7% in fiscal 2021.

HUL sets up Unilever Fragrance Hub

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Hindustan Unilever Ltd. (HUL) inaugurated the Unilever Fragrance Hub (UFH) here reinforcing India's role as a key growth market and R&D hub.

The facility is the third such in Unilever's network following the U.K. and the U.S. and is the latest investment under Unilever's overall €100 million programme to boost fragrance creation capabilities.

'Formalising supply chain integrity a huge challenge for circularity'

Vinaya Deshpande Pandit
MUMBAI

Formalising supply chain integrity in manufacturing is a challenge for circular economy in India, industry leaders opined. At the Maharashtra Circular Economy Conclave held here, large Indian firms spoke about the efforts being taken towards circular economy, the regulatory framework and the push and pull factors towards circularity.

"There are two challenges at present. We need to have supply chain integrity. In India, we have an informal way of managing circularity. How to formalise it is a challenge. The second challenge is transparency and traceability in the system that the material is really good and is going to get recycled back into the system," said Prabodha Acharya, CSO of JSW Steel.

A panel discussion with the representatives of firms such as Mahindra Group, Tata Group, Aditya Birla Group and JSW Steel explored three broad themes on why circular economy mattered to large businesses, how conglomerates can shape systems beyond own operations to suppliers and what the next phase of circular business transformation in Maharashtra and India could look like. They also discussed the significance of resource security at a time of geopolitical instability, which has become a major factor leading to circularity.

A panel discussion focused on the importance of circular economy.

Push and pull factors

Deeksha Vats, chief sustainability officer of Aditya Birla Group, emphasised on the impact of push and pull factors in creating circularity. "The regulations are the push factors. The pull factor is when the customers ask for greener products. Currently, the need for resource security is what is leading to bigger strides in circular economy," she said.

Mr. Acharya said JSW Steel was able to use 99.99% of its waste as byproduct. "We created JSW cement to create another business. It is one of the most low-carbon businesses. Everything which comes out must be reused. Every energy which comes out, we trap and use. We do waste-gas recycling. [As much as] 40-50% of our energy needs are met out of it. We use everything that comes out of it," he said.

The event organised by the Consulate General of Finland in Mumbai, Embassy of Finland in India, MMRDA, Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra and FICCI was the official side event of World Circular Economy Forum 2026, to be hosted in Asia for the first time this year in September.

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Chief Executive Officer

GENEVA

WHO sees sharp drop in suspected Ebola cases in central Africa to 116

AFP

The WHO on Tuesday dramatically scaled back the number of suspected Ebola cases in central Africa to 116 from more than 900 previously, with 330 cases now confirmed. While some suspected cases have been confirmed, many more "have been cleared out" after being shown to be other diseases or an unlinked fever. AFP

VATICAN CITY

Pope picks first lay woman to head communications dept. at Vatican

REUTERS

Pope Leo XIV on Tuesday named a Mexico-born news executive to head up the Vatican's powerful communications department — the first lay woman to hold a post in the Roman Curia. Maria Montserrat Alvarado, currently president of the Catholic media outlet *EWTN News*, will take up her post on November 1. AFP

UNITED NATIONS

Bangladeshi FM Rahman elected president of UN General Assembly

ANI

Bangladesh's Foreign Minister was elected president of the 81st UN General Assembly on Tuesday in a vote that, unusually, featured more than one candidate. Khalilur Rahman won 99 votes in the secret ballot compared to 91 for Cypriot diplomat Andreas Kakouris. He will succeed the outgoing president in September. AFP

WASHINGTON

Trump names inexperienced ally as acting director of intelligence

AP

U.S. President Donald Trump appointed a loyalist with no national security experience as head of U.S. intelligence on Tuesday — and said he would also retain his existing jobs. Federal Housing Finance Agency chief Bill Pulte was named as the acting director of national intelligence (DNI), replacing Tulsi Gabbard. AFP

Russian attack kills at least 18 and injures over 100 people in Ukraine

Major targets include Kyiv, Dnipro, Poltava, Kharkiv, and Zaporizhzhia; Ukrainian forces say they destroyed or intercepted 40 missiles and 602 drones, but shortages of U.S. Patriot missiles and other systems leave gaps that Russia is exploiting

Associated Press
KYIV

Explosions during overnight drone and missile attacks light up the Kyiv skyline on Tuesday, amid the Russian invasion in Ukraine. AFP

Russia launched hundreds of drones and dozens of missiles against Kyiv and other Ukrainian cities overnight, killing at least 18 civilians and wounding more than 100 others, authorities said on Tuesday.

The damage trapped some people under the rubble of apartment buildings. Emergency crews digging through the wreckage pulled out the body of a 3-year-old child and the bodies of a mother and her 8-year-old son in the central Ukrainian city of Dnipro, officials said.

The attack stretched from night into day and the boom of explosions reverberated across cities. Officials said that 12 people were killed in Dnipro and six in Kyiv.

Kyiv residents had been on edge for days after Russia warned that a massive aerial attack was coming and warned foreign diplomats to leave the Ukrainian capital. None appeared to heed the call.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy appealed for more U.S. and European support, describing the massive overnight attack as "an explicit statement by Russia: If Ukraine is not protected from ballistic missiles and other missile strikes, those strikes will continue".

Russian President Vladimir Putin has stepped up Moscow's aerial campaign against Ukraine, with Russian forces recently launching a powerful hypersonic Oreshnik ballistic missile for only the third time in the four-year war.

The Russian strategy seeks to take advantage of Ukraine's shortage of U.S.-made Patriot air defence missiles, with international stocks depleted by the Iran war. That has left civilians especially vulnerable to the Russian ballistic missile barrages.

Russia unleashed 73 missiles and 656 drones across Ukraine, according to the country's air force, with the main targets including Kyiv, the central city of Dnipro, and the eastern cities of Poltava, Kharkiv and Zaporizhzhia. Ukrainian air defence forces destroyed or suppressed 40 missiles and 602 drones.

Russia's Defence Ministry said in a statement that the military launched a "massive" strike with long-range precision weapons.

Murder case involving kirpan sparks anger in U.K.

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

Sentencing in a Southampton murder case involving a kirpan (a ceremonial dagger associated with Sikhism) and the release of video footage of the police response sparked debates online and in the U.K. Parliament on Tuesday around policing and knife crime and the politicisation of a brutal murder.

Vickrum Digwa

Vickrum Digwa, 23, was sentenced on Monday to life imprisonment with a minimum term of 21 years for killing 18 year old Henry Nowak in Southampton on December 3, 2025. Mr. Nowak was unarmed and stabbed multiple times by Digwa with the latter's 21 cm long kirpan. Digwa then lied to the police that Nowak, who was alone and unarmed, used racial slurs against him. He again lied to the police saying he had not stabbed Nowak.

Digwa was convicted of murder last Thursday. Digwa's mother, Kiran Kaur, 53, who removed the dagger, sheath and belt from the scene is in custody. She was convicted for assisting an offender and will be sentenced at a later date.

The privilege of being allowed to carry a bladed article in public came with a "huge responsibility", the judge said during the sentencing.

Disturbing police body-cam footage released on Monday night showed a dying Nowak repeatedly telling police officers that he could not breathe and that he had been stabbed. Yet, Nowak was propped up, handcuffed and informed by the police that he was being arrested for assault.

One officer is heard asking Nowak where he was stabbed and then saying, "Don't think you have, mate."

Another officer can be heard saying Nowak has to be checked [for stab wounds]. Digwa can be seen claiming his turban was pulled off and that he had sustained a bruise above his eye.

"Henry did not die with dignity... he lost consciousness before anyone believed him," Henry's father, Mark Nowak, said outside Southampton Crown Court on Monday.

The Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC), a police watchdog, has launched an investigation into the incident.

U.K. Home Secretary Shabana Mahmood made a statement to the House of Commons on Wednesday evening, in which she condemned the attack and pushed back against claims of two-tier policing (i.e., different policing procedures for different communities). Reform UK's Robert Jenrick (until recently a Conservative) told Parliament that the police officer who arrested Nowak should be prosecuted for dereliction of duty.

Earlier in the day, Reform UK chief Nigel Farage asked people to respond to the crime with "pure cold rage", even as he characterised the Novak family's response as "extraordinarily dignified".

The victim's father had said he did not want the murder to be used to create "further division, hatred or division".

Ms. Mahmood told the House of Commons that she echoed the Nowak family's words from Monday and that the case should not be used to turn communities against each other.

Several Sikh MPs strongly condemned the murder in the House of Commons warning against scapegoating specific communities and politicising the murder along religious fault lines.

"There have been calls to limit the right of Sikhs to carry their ceremonial knife, the kirpan, one of the five holy items in their faith," Ms. Mahmood told Parliament, adding that it was the previous Conservative government, in 2019, that had strengthened protections related to long weapons, including kirpans, carried for religious and ceremonial purposes.

"But let me be clear, carrying a knife for the purpose of religious observance is one thing. Using it as so tragically occurred in this case is quite another," she said.

"We are deeply sorry for the pain and suffering the Nowak family has had to endure," the Digwa family said in a statement via the Sikh Press Association, in which they also apologised to the Sikh community for their son's actions which, they said, had "unfairly brought the community into disrepute".

Iran's inflation at levels as worse as in Second World War

Associated Press
DUBAI

Year-on-year inflation in Iran reached a level in May unseen since the Second World War, underlining the economic pain average Iranians face as the Islamic Republic worries about the war with Israel and the United States restarting.

A report on Monday by Iran's Central Bank represents the first official acknowledgment of what Iranians shopping, paying for a taxi or visiting a medical clinic already know: The rial currency is battered by the war and uncertainty around it resuming.

Iran's Central Bank says that inflation in daily and general needs rose 113.8% from the year before

Meanwhile, long-time problems of economic mismanagement and government corruption also appear to be dragging down Iran's oil-backed economy as it remains under a naval blockade by the United States.

Economic pressure in the past has sparked nationwide protests, something Iran's theocracy has been trying to avoid since a crackdown on demonstrators in January killed over 7,000 people, according to activists' estimates.

Iran's Central Bank said the consumer price index, which measures a basket of goods and services, reached 77.2% in May compared to the year before. It added the rate is 8.5% higher than in April. Inflation in daily and general needs – like medicine, taxi fares – rose 113.8% from the year before.

Israeli strikes kill 11 in Lebanon, a day after Trump's remark

Associated Press
BEIRUT

Israeli drone strikes on southern Lebanon on Tuesday killed 11 persons, including two children and their father, a day after U.S. President Donald Trump said Israel and the militant group Hezbollah agreed to dial back fighting. Iran-backed Hezbollah continued launching dozens of projectiles and drones toward Israeli soldiers in southern Lebanon and civilians in Israel.

Mr. Trump said on Monday he had spoken with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and had communicated with Hezbollah through mediators, and that no troops would be "going to Beirut".

Meanwhile, Israel's Defence Minister said that Washington had given its backing to potential Israeli strikes on Beirut's southern Dahiyeh suburb, a Hezbollah bastion, if the Iran-backed group attacked northern Israeli communities.

Sport

More sixes, fewer viewers: is there a connection?

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

The first six overs and the last five. Is that what the IPL is about? When one-day cricket (50 overs) was threatening to take over the sport, attracting the crowds and the money and endangering the calendar, it had gone through a similar phase. First ten and last ten, television viewers told themselves, which meant they had 30 overs to attend to more pressing matters.

Did T20 grow out of this middle overs crisis? There is one significant difference, though. While in the longer format, it was a holding period to ensure there were wickets in hand for the final slog, T20 is all slog. It is about hitting fours and especially sixes, and there's always someone down the order who can occasionally do this as well as the top guys do. The opener and the finisher share one aim.

This year's tournament saw more sixes (1426) and fewer viewers. Perhaps there is a connection. The viewership data are from Broadcast Audience Research Council and concerns the first half of the tournament, but it is telling all the same.

Better balance

Even the six-addict might like to see better balance between bat and ball. Achieving this will be the tournament's aim between now and the next edition. Or maybe not. So far administrators have been more keen on loading the dice in favour of the batter.

The format has one advantage, however. It can make new rules. The farther it moves away from the red ball game, the better it is for both. This column has been arguing for years that T20 and Test match cricket are different sports which just happen to use the same equipment.

Ironical

Still, it is ironical that in a tournament where totals of over 200 (and once even 250) were casually chased down, the final was a tribute to the bowling. RCB restricted Gujarat Titans, having out-thought their opponents with consistent short-pitched bowling. They never looked in trouble thereafter.

Virat Kohli was resplendent in reply, playing an innings worth losing sleep over, as millions did.

In Kagiso Rabada's second over the sequence of 4,4,6,4 alone was worth the price of the television set. That six off one of the fastest deliveries of the night was enticed into going over the fence with the gentlest of persuasions, all wrist and bottom hand. Kohli didn't even look up as if too shy to countenance such treatment of a great bowler. Rabada, the tournament's most successful bowler was taken for 88 runs in all by Kohli in this year's IPL, off just 37 deliveries. Bhuvneshwar Kumar was the quiet warrior through the season. RCB owe him.

Gujarat Titans effectively lost the final in the first four overs after their prolific openers Shubman Gill and Sai Sudharsan were dismissed. This might sound like fixing the dots after the picture is complete, but it was clear only one team expected to win from there. The scoreboard pressure so favoured by commentators was on the side which had batted first.

New Kohli

Some years ago, Kohli would have managed the chase differently, anchoring the innings without taking risks. But this new Kohli has internalised the tactical changes in the format which calls for only one gear - the top one. Two hundred is the key figure, whether as a fighting total or a batter's strike rate. GT fell well short of the first while Kohli got to his half century at that rate.

Two events might have given us a peep into the future. The tacky 'entertainment' between innings and the referral to AI by commentators. Is AI getting ready to take over from them? May not be a bad idea considering some of the quality!

Has the IPL has become too predictable, the six-hitting too frequent for its own good? No sport played only for the aficionado can survive. Fans unbothered by nuance and untouched by a wider range of skills ensure success.

So will the cricket board decide that preparing less than perfect batting pitches, and fiddling with the rules come under the category of killing the golden goose? The balance it usually looks for is in the balance sheet.

SNAPSHOTS

India men rout Korea in under-18 Asia Cup

The Indian men produced a dominant 4-1 victory against Korea in their third under-18 Asia Cup 2026 Pool A match in Kakamigahara, Japan. Captain Ketan Kushwaha (3, 36), Varinder Singh (5) and Shahrukh Ali (54) scored for India while Korean captain Yun Jaehyeok (21) pulled one back.

Sindhu advances; Lakshya, Srikanth exit

P.V. Sindhu battled her way into the second round of the Indonesia Open with a straight-game win, while former world No. 1 K. Srikanth suffered an opening-round exit in Jakarta on Tuesday.

The results (first round):

Women: P.V. Sindhu bt Busanan Ongbamrungphan 25-23, 21-16; Pornpawee Chochuwong bt Malvika Bansod 21-12, 21-10.

Doubles: Febriana Dwipuji Kusuma & Meilysa Trias Puspitasari bt Treesa Jolly & Gayatri Gopi Chand 21-14, 21-12.

Men: Yushi Tanaka bt K. Srikanth 21-19, 21-15; Alwi Farhan bt Lakshya Sen 21-19, 21-16.

Doubles: Hariharan Amsakarunan & M.R. Arjun bt Nur Mohd Azriyn Ayub & Tan Wee Kiong 21-18, 21-10.

Mixed doubles: Guo Xin Wa & Chen Fang Hui bt Dhruv Kapila & Tanisha Crasto 21-11, 21-10.

Runner Deeksha tests positive

The National record holder in women's 1500m, K.M. Deeksha, has tested positive for a banned substance and is likely to miss the Commonwealth Games, according to sources. The 27-year-old last competed at the Indian Open Athletics Series in Jaipur on April 5.

NEW CHALLENGE

Bahutule is India's spin-bowling coach ahead of Afghanistan Test

FILE PHOTO

Sairaj Bahutule has joined the Indian team as spin-bowling coach ahead of the Test against Afghanistan. The former India leggie will oversee the national team's spin department across formats. He joins the Indian camp after a stint with Punjab Kings in IPL 2026. He was part of the the India u-19 and India-A set-up.

CALL-UP

Nabi joins the Indian team as net bowler to assist Gill & Co.

FILE PHOTO

Auqib Nabi has joined the Indian team in New Chandigarh as a net bowler to assist Shubman Gill & Co. in their preparations for the one-off Test against Afghanistan beginning on Saturday. The other net bowlers who are with the team are Gurjapneet Singh, Prince Yadav, Saransh Jain, Zeeshan Ansari and Shivang Kumar.

HIGH EXPECTATIONS

Women in Blue favourites to win T20 World Cup: Anjum

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The Indian women's cricket team will start as favourite at the upcoming T20 World Cup, says former captain Anjum Chopra. "England conditions are not alien. Most of them have already played there, at least the core of this Indian team. For me, India will always remain one of the favourite sides," said Anjum.

FIGHTING SCORE

Inglis, Green fifties lift Australia to 231 for nine in second ODI

AP

Skipper Josh Inglis, *in pic.*, and Cameron Green hit fighting half-centuries to help Australia post 231 for nine in the second ODI against Pakistan in Lahore on Tuesday. **The scores:** Australia 231/9 in 50 overs (Josh Inglis 51, Cameron Green 53, Matt Renshaw 43, Shaheen Afridi 3/36) vs Pakistan. **Toss:** Pakistan.

Zverev seals semifinal spot; Kostyuk's run continues

The men's second seed dispatches Jodar in straight sets; Ukrainian ousts Svitolina to set up a clash with Russian teen Andreeva; Sabalenka bests Osaka in match-up between four-time Major winners

FRENCH OPEN

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

Staying on course: Zverev faced little resistance from Jodar while Kostyuk overcame Svitolina to make her maiden semifinals at a Grand Slam. AP & AFP

Alexander Zverev laid down a marker at the French Open on Tuesday with a straight-sets victory over rising Spanish star Rafael Jodar to book his spot in the last four. With the crushing 7-6 (3), 6-1, 6-3 win over the 19-year-old, Zverev advanced to his fifth Roland Garros semifinal in the last six years.

The second seed is considered the favourite to win his first Grand Slam title, following the early departures of top seed Jannik Sinner and 24-time Major champion Novak Djokovic.

Earlier, Marta Kostyuk beat compatriot Elina Svitolina to reach her maiden Grand Slam semifinal and become the first Ukrainian woman to reach the last four at Roland Garros in the professional era.

Kostyuk, the 15th seed, overcame Svitolina 6-3, 2-6, 6-2, and will take on Russian teenager Mirra Andreeva on Thursday for a place in the final

Andreeva breezed into her second French Open semifinal earlier in the day with 6-0, 6-3 rout of Romania's Sorana Cirstea, who plans to retire at the end of the season.

The eighth seed needed less than an hour to dispatch the 36-year-old Cirstea, appearing in the last eight in Paris for the first time since 2009.

Meanwhile on Monday, World No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka took down fellow four-time Grand Slam champion Naomi Osaka in straight sets in a night-session match to reach the quarterfinals.

Sabalenka produced an impressive display against a battling Osaka to win 7-5, 6-3 and reach the last eight for a 14th consecutive Major tournament.

The Belarusian is now the only Grand Slam champion left in either the men's or women's singles draws at Roland Garros.

Sabalenka will take on Diana Shnaider as she continues her bid for a maiden French Open crown and to banish the memories of the final defeat last year.

THE RESULTS

Men: Quarterfinals: 2-Zverev (Ger) bt 27-Jodar (Esp) 7-6(3), 6-1, 6-3.

Fourth round: Berrettini (Ita) bt Juan Cerundolo (Arg) 6-3, 7-6(2), 7-6(6); Arnaldi (Ita) bt 19-Tiafoe (USA) 7-6(5), 6-7(5), 3-6, 7-6(3), 6-4; 4-Auger-Aliassime (Can) bt Tabilo (Chi) 6-3, 7-5, 6-1.

Women: Quarterfinals: 8-Andreeva (Rus) bt 18-Cirstea (Rou) 6-0, 6-3; 15-Kostyuk (Ukr) bt 7-Svitolina (Ukr) 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.

Fourth round: 1-Sabalenka (Blr) bt 16-Osaka (Jpn) 7-5, 6-3.

Wednesday's Picks

MEN
4-Auger-Aliassime vs. **10**-Cobolli
Berrettini vs. Arnaldi

WOMEN
22-Kalinskaya vs. Chwalinska
1-Sabalenka vs. **25**-Shnaider

The 'Indian' flavour at football's biggest spectacle

FIFA WORLD CUP

P.K. Ajith Kumar

Fantastic four: Tahsin, Sarpreet, Velupillay and Moutoussamy will take the field at the quadrennial extravaganza. GETTY IMAGES

While watching the Kerala Premier League final at Thrissur's Corporation Stadium on a wet Sunday night, you could not help overhear two elderly men talking, with concern, about the possibility of the FIFA World Cup not being televised in India.

They, and the rest of football-mad Kerala, must have heaved a sigh of relief when it was announced that Zee would telecast the matches live in India, after signing a last-minute deal with FIFA. Brazil and Argentina, not surprisingly, have been the perennial favourites among Kerala's football fans.

European sides like France and Spain have a lot of supporters, too. You cannot quite add Qatar to such an elite list of teams. But this time around, the Malayalis are sure to follow the fortunes of that Gulf country as well. Qatar's squad includes a player from Kerala – Tahsin Jamshid was born in Doha to Malayali parents hailing from Kannur district.

After the 19-year-old winger was named in the preliminary squad for the World Cup, fans in Kerala were hoping that he would make it to the final team for the tournament to be held in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Little wonder, his inclusion has caused a lot of excitement. Among those who have talked about his rise is author and Thiruvananthapuram MP Shashi Tharoor.

Tahsin, whose father is a former footballer, had played for Qatar at the under-17 and 19 levels. He isn't the only player with an Indian connection at the World Cup, though.

There are, in fact, three others. Sarpreet Singh is perhaps the best-known among them. The 27-year-old will play for New Zealand as an attacking midfielder. Sarpreet, whose family is from Jalandhar, has been playing for the senior team since 2018 and has scored three goals.

Samuel Moutoussamy, a player with Tamil roots, is in the Democratic Republic of Congo squad. While his mother is Congolese, his father is Indo-Guadeloupean of Tamil origin. The 29-year-old defensive midfielder, who was born in Paris, made his debut for Congo in 2019.

Nishan Velupillay is part of the Australia team. The winger's father is a Malaysian of Tamil heritage, while his mother is an Anglo-Indian. This is the first World Cup that will feature an Indian-origin player since 2006, when Vikash Dhorasoo turned out for France. His ancestors had moved to Mauritius from Andhra Pradesh.

Fans confident of a fine show by Haaland & Co.

C. Shyam Sundar
OSLO

Taking flight: Strand Larsen is over the moon after scoring his second and Norway's third against Sweden. AFP

The FIFA World Cup is almost upon us. As lovers of the beautiful game gear up for the biggest tournament, people in the Norwegian capital are looking forward to its golden generation to dribble up some magic on the field.

Norway, having qualified for the quadrennial extravaganza after 28 years, will hope to put up a memorable show. Fans here are thrilled to see the nation back among the elite and are eager to see how the team fares.

Norway beat Sweden 3-1 in a warm-up fixture at Ullevaal Stadion here on Monday with the talismanic Erling Haaland watching from the stands.

On him rests the nation's hopes of making an impact in the sport's showpiece event to be co-hosted by the USA, Canada and Mexico.

The 25-year-old striker, who turns out for Manchester City in the Premier League, will be expected to deliver the goals as he does for his club while there are others who would be eager to step up.

Even as people are likely to turn on their television sets to catch action from the cool confines of their homes, sports bars are gearing up to welcome the supporters. At a sports bar inside a mall here, the arrangements are in place.

Hotels here haven't firmed up plans with regard to organising telecast of the matches with a receptionist at Hotel Thon Opera saying a call could be taken closer to the event.

The young and the old alike think Haaland's brilliance can carry Norway deep into the tournament.

According to Kjell Madland, the CEO-founder of Norway Chess, it is good that the country had a wonderful qualifying campaign and sealed a spot in the finals.

"I think they will be able to advance from the group stage, anything after that is pure bonus," he said.

Gustav Nerland, receptionist at a hotel here and an avid football fan, is hugely optimistic about the team's prospects and thinks Norway can make it to the semifinals if it plays to potential.

He tipped Haaland to be among the tournament's leading scorers.

Naveen Parmar, a researcher, and his wife Sheenam, who hail from India and have been living here for some years now, said Norway had a side good enough to reach the knockouts.

Can the golden generation recreate the magic of 1998 when Norway stunned Brazil in the group stage?

Montella sticks with experience in Turkiye squad

Reuters
ISTANBUL

Turkiye manager Vincenzo Montella named his World Cup squad on Tuesday, selecting the experienced Hakan Calhanoglu, Kerem Akturkoglu, Baris Alper Yilmaz, and Yusuf Yazici to lead the side.

The squads: UNITED STATES: Goalkeepers: Chris Brady, Matt Freese, Matt Turner; **Defenders:** Max Arfsten, Sergino Dest, Alex Freeman, Mark McKenzie, Tim Ream, Chris Richards, Antonee Robinson, Miles Robinson, Joe Scally, Auston Trusty. **Midfielders:** Tyler Adams, Sebastian Berhalter, Weston McKennie, Cristian Roldan. **Attacking midfielders/wingers:** Brenden Aaronson, Christian Pulisic, Gio Reyna, Malik Tillman, Tim Weah, Alejandro Zendejas. **Forwards:** Folarin Balogun, Ricardo Pepi, Haji Wright.

TURKIYE: Goalkeepers: Altay Bayindir, Mert Gunok, Ugurcan Cakir; **Defenders:** Abdulkerim Bardakci, Caglar Soyuncu, Eren Elmali, Ferdi Kadioglu, Merih Demiral, Mert Muldur, Ozan Kabak, Samet Akaydin, Zeki Celik. **Midfielders:** Hakan Calhanoglu, Ismail Yuksek, Kaan Ayhan, Orkun Kokcu, Salih Ozcan. **Strikers:** Arda Guler, Baris Alper Yilmaz, Can Uzun, Deniz Gul, Irfan Can Kahveci, Kenan Yildiz, Kerem Akturkoglu, Oguz Aydin, Yunus Akgun.

PARAGUAY: Goalkeepers: Orlando Gill, Roberto Junior Fernandez, Gaston Olveira. **Defenders:** Juan Caceres, Gustavo Velazquez, Gustavo Gomez, Junior Alonso, Jose Canale, Omar Alderete, Alexandro Maidana, Fabian Balbuena. **Midfielders:** Diego Gomez, Mauricio Magalhaes, Damian Bobadilla, Braian Ojeda, Andres Cubas, Matias Galarza, Alejandro Romero Gamarra; **Forwards:** Gustavo Caballero, Ramon Sosa, Alex Arce, Gabriel Avalos, Isidro Pitta, Miguel Almiron, Julio Enciso, Antonio Sanabria.

UZBEKISTAN: Goalkeepers: Utkir Yusupov, Abduvohid Nematov, Botirali Ergashev. **Defenders:** Rustam Ashurmatov, Farrukh Sayfiev, Khojiakbar Alijonov, Sherzod Nasrullaev, Umar Eshmurodov, Abdukodir Khusanov, Abdulla Abdullaev, Bekhruz Karimov, Jakhongir Urozov, Avazbek Ulmasaliev. **Midfielders:** Otabek Shukurov, Jaloliddin Masharipov, Odiljon Hamrobekov, Oston Urunov, Jamshid Iskanderov, Dostonbek Khamdamov, Abbosbek Fayzullaev, Akmal Mozgovoy, Azizjon Ganiev, Sherzod Esanov. **Forwards:** Eldor Shomurodov, Igor Sergeev, Azizbek Amonov.

JORDAN: Goalkeepers: Yazeed Abu Laila, Abdullah Al-Fakhouri, Noor Bani Attieh; **Defenders:** Abdullah Nasib, Saad Al-Rosan, Yazan Al-Arab, Saleem Obeid, Mohammad Abu Al-Nadi, Hossam Abu Al-Dahab, Ehsan Haddad, Anas Bani, Muhannad Abu Taha, Mohammad Abu Hasheesh. **Midfielders:** Noor Al-Rawabdeh, Nizar Al-Rashdan, Ibrahim Saadeh, Rajaei Ayed, Amer Jamous, Mohammad Al-Daoud, Mahmoud Al-Mardi; **Forwards:** Mousa Al-Tamari, Ouda Al-Fakhouri, Mohammad Abu Zraiq, Ali Azaizeh, Ibrahim Sabra, Ali Olwan.

SENEGAL: Goalkeepers: Edouard Mendy, Mory Diaw, Yehvann Diouf; **Defenders:** Krepin Diatta, Antoine Mendy, Kalidou Koulibaly, El Hadji Malick Diouf, Mamadou Sarr, Moussa Niakhate, Abdoulaye Seck, Ismail Jakobs. **Midfielders:** Idrissa Gana Gueye, Pape Gueye, Lamine Camara, Habib Diarra, Pathe Ciss, Pape Matar Sarr, Bara Sapoko Ndiaye **Forwards:** Sadio Mane, Ismaila Sarr, Iliman Ndiaye, Assane Diao, Ibrahim Mbaye, Nicolas Jackson, Bamba Dieng, Cherif Ndiaye.

GHANA: Goalkeepers: Joseph Anang, Benjamin Asare, Lawrence Ati-Zigi; **Defenders:** Jonas Adjetey, Derrick Luckassen, Gideon Mensah, Abdul Mumin, Jerome Opoku, Kojo Oppong Preprah, Baba Abdul Rahman, Alidu Seidu, Marvin Senaya **Midfielders:** Augustine Boakye, Abdul Fatawu Issahaku, Elisha Owusu, Thomas Partey, Kwasi Sibo, Kamal Deen Sulemana, Caleb Yirenkyi. **Forwards:** Prince Kwabena Adu, Jordan Ayew, Christopher Bonsu Baah, Ernest Nuamah, Antoine Semenyo, Brandon Thomas-Asante, Inaki Williams.

QATAR: Goalkeepers: Salah Zakaria, Mahmoud Abunada, Meshaal Barsham; **Defenders:** Hashmi Hussein, Ayoub Alawi, Boualem Khoukhi, Pedro Miguel, Issa Laaye, Lucas Mendes, Sultan Al-Brake, Homam Al-Amin. **Midfielders:** Mohammed Al-Manai, Jassem Jaber, Karim Boudiaf, Ahmed Fathi, Abdulaziz Hatem, Assim Madibo. **Forwards:** Tahseen Mohammed, Edmilson Junior, Almoez Ali, Akram Afif, Mohammed Muntari, Youssef Abdulrazzaq, Ahmed Alaa, Hassan Al-Haydos, Ahmed Al-Janahi.

Pragg, Gukesh and Divya bounce back with victories

World No. 1 Carlsen prevails over Keymer in Armageddon to remain within striking distance of the leaders; Kazakh Assaubayeva pulls further away in the women's event by downing Chinese Zhu

NORWAY CHESS

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Eagle eyes: World champion Gukesh got the better of So in Armageddon. FLICKER/NORWAYCHESS

Moments of brilliance and below-par efforts – this has been the story of the Indian players in the ongoing Norway Chess 2026 at Deichman Bjorvika here.

On Monday, Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa inflicted a second straight defeat on Alireza Firouzja, in the classical game in the seventh round, to climb to third in the standings.

Playing with white pieces, he worked his way to an advantageous position. The Frenchman, under time pressure, couldn't withstand the attack and succumbed in 51 moves to hand his opponent three points.

Wesley So (12.5 points) continues to top the leaderboard despite the loss with the second-placed Firouzja 2.5 points behind.

World champion D. Gukesh, the other Indian in the fray, pulled off a win in Armageddon against So after missing an opportunity to win the classical game.

World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen and Vincent Keymer drew the classical in which neither player could break through.

Carlsen, later, prevailed in Armageddon to secure an extra half-a-point and remain within striking distance of the leaders.

The women's section saw Bibisara Assaubayeva extend her lead at the top to 2.5 points with a win. Facing Zhu Jiner with white pieces, Assaubayeva took control after a difficult middlegame and converted her advantage into a favourable result.

Good run

Divya Deshmukh's good run continued as she outwitted Koneru Humpy in the tie-break after missing a chance to win the classical.

In Armageddon, the young Indian GM managed to score, leaving her experienced opponent languishing at the bottom of the table.

The results (seventh round):
Open: R. Praggnanandhaa (9) bt Alireza Firouzja (Fra, 10); Vincent Keymer (Ger, 9) lost to Magnus Carlsen (Nor, 9) in Armageddon; D. Gukesh (8) bt Wesley So (USA, 12.5) in Armageddon.
Women: Divya Deshmukh (10) bt Koneru Humpy (6.5) in Armageddon; Ju Wenjun (Chn, 9) lost to Anna Muzychuk (Ukr, 9.5) in Armageddon; Bibisara Assaubayeva (Kaz, 12.5) bt Zhu Jiner (Chn, 7).
(The writer is in Oslo at the invitation of Norway Chess).

'Bring in a new format without disrupting the existing system'

BADMINTON

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BENGALURU

Padukone. FILE PHOTO

Starting 2027, badminton will replace the long-standing 3x21 format with the 3x15 scoring system, with the sport's governing body betting on the latter's perceived ability to bring greater excitement and improve player welfare by shortening matches.

But the legendary Prakash Padukone felt that a middle path could have been found.

Speaking on the sidelines of an event to announce a partnership between Padukone School of Badminton and Shriram Finance here on Tuesday, the 70-year-old drew a parallel with cricket to buttress his point.

"Try both, like you have T20 cricket, 50-over matches and Tests. Why can't we do that in badminton? It has been played for 15 to 20 years and people are used to it. Let it continue.

"Bring in the new format without disrupting the existing system. Maybe start with five or six tournaments in a year and slowly bring it up. Some players will choose one format over the other and start specialising," the former All England champion added.

While it remains to be seen how the Indian players adapt, Padukone stated that they should be winning more tournaments.

On Sunday, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won the Singapore Open doubles title, their first crown since 2024. Since July 2022, P.V. Sindhu has just one singles trophy – Syed Modi International in December 2024.

And no Indian men's singles player has won an elite Super 1000-level championship since K. Srikanth at the 2017 Denmark Open.

"They need to be much more consistent, considering the kind of support they get," Padukone said. "They should not be happy winning just one tournament. Even if the ranking goes down, it doesn't matter. People will remember trophies, like All England and the Olympics.

"Rankings are important but you should win big tournaments and achieve the No. 1 ranking. Not by playing more tournaments and reaching quarterfinals and semifinals. That's my view.

"Look at tennis. (Roger) Federer, (Novak)Djokovic, (Rafael) Nadal, (Jannik) Sinner and (Carlos) Alcaraz... they all win big tournaments, reach No. 1 and are remembered".

Bengaluru to host Maharaja Trophy playoffs

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BENGALURU

In a slight departure from its earlier schedule, the Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 has included Bengaluru as a venue, in addition to Mysuru and Hubballi. The State capital will play host to the business end of the tournament, including the four playoff encounters.

"The teams requested for some matches to be played in Bengaluru and we have obliged," KSCA spokesperson Vinay Mruthyunjaya stated.

Opener at Mysuru

Mysuru will witness 12 matches, starting with the opener between Kalyani Bengaluru Blasters and Gulbarga Mystics on June 20.

The action will shift to Hubballi from June 27 to July 3 before the caravan moves to Bengaluru and culminates in the final on July 12.

Player auction will be held on Friday, with more than 150 cricketers up for grabs.

SNAPSHOTS

Prakash School of Badminton and Shriram Finance ink year-long partnership deal

BENGALURU: Prakash School of Badminton (PSB) and Shriram Finance announced a year-long partnership – potentially extending up to three years – that will focus on strengthening the sport's grassroots and providing aspiring players with structured training.

The PSB, helmed by legendary Indian shuttler Prakash Padukone, is an entrepreneurial venture with daughter Deepika, and currently has 75 centres across 18 Indian cities.

Padukone, who led the erstwhile Prakash Padukone Badminton Academy for more than three decades starting 1994, has now shifted his focus from elite players towards training children.

"The elite players are well taken care of and there are a lot of academies for them," Prakash said at the Centre for Sports Excellence in Bengaluru on Tuesday, in the presence of Umesh Revankar, executive vice-chairman, Shriram Finance.

New alliance: Prakash Padukone with Umesh Revankar, executive vice-chairman, Shriram Finance.

"When we started PPBA, elite coaching was the need of the hour. Now I feel we need to focus on the bottom of the pyramid, ensure that kids play badminton the right way and build a sports culture.

In countries like China, Indonesia and Malaysia, it is not a problem. In India, we have to do a lot more to train youngsters in the fundamentals."

Abhay, Chotrani out of British Open squash

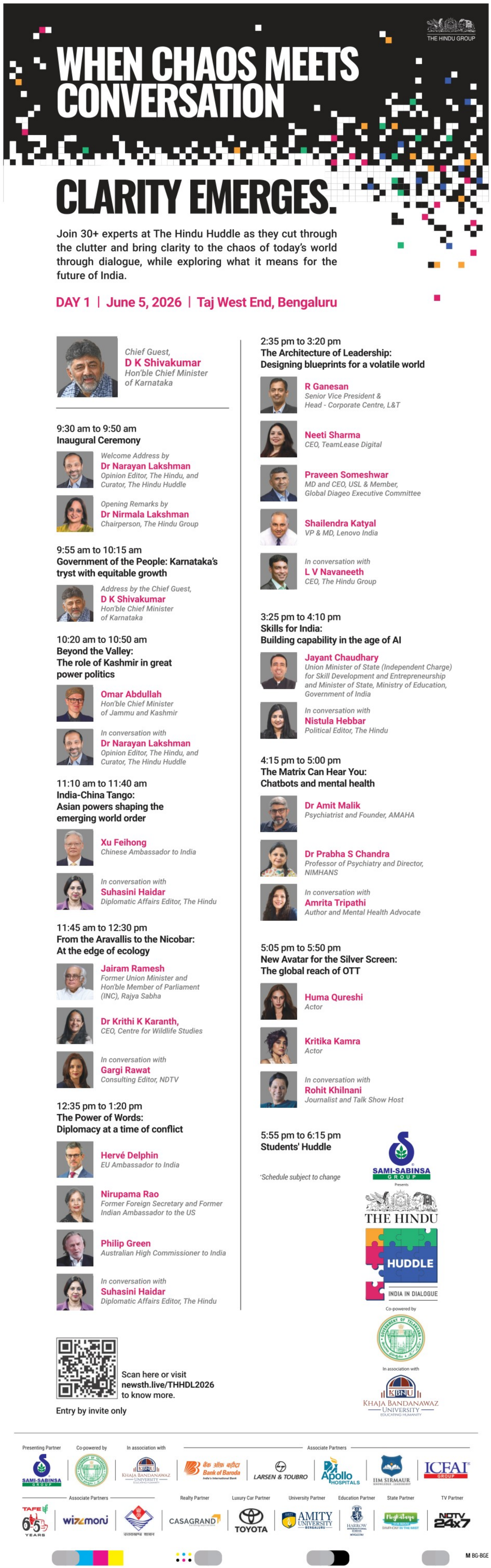
BIRMINGHAM: India's Abhay Singh and Veer Chotrani lost to top-10 ranked players in their respective second-round matches to bow out of the British Open squash here.

World No. 24 Abhay went down to Egyptian World No. 8 Mohamad Zakaria 9-11, 4-11, 11-7, 10-12 while World No. 40 Chotrani fell to World No. 6 Joel Makin, the Welshman winning 12-10, 11-9, 11-3.

ICC suspension unexpected: Cricket Canada

TORONTO: Cricket Canada has termed the ICC's decision to suspend its membership as "unexpected" and said it has initiated comprehensive corrective measures to address the governance and financial deficiencies flagged by the sport's global governing body.

Cricket Canada said it respected the ICC's ruling and remained committed to fulfilling all compliance requirements.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Shailendra Katyal, VP & MD, Lenovo India
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3:25 pm to 4:10 pm
Skills for India: Building capability in the age of AI
Jayant Chaudhary, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Minister of State, Ministry of Education, Government of India
In conversation with Nistula Hebbar, Political Editor, The Hindu
4:15 pm to 5:00 pm
The Matrix Can Hear You: Chatbots and mental health
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Dr Prabha S Chandra, Professor of Psychiatry and Director, NIMHANS
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5:05 pm to 5:50 pm
New Avatar for the Silver Screen: The global reach of OTT
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Kritika Kamra, Actor
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